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In School Committee, Jan. 14, 1878.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee for this municipal year was held, by order of His Honor the Mayor, in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street Building, on Monday, Jan. 14, 1878, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. W. T. Adams, Flint, Palmer, and Ryan; Hon. Henry L. Pierce, President of the Board, in the chair.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. A. Thayer. Prayer.

The Chair read the following communication from the City Clerk: — Communication from City Clerk; certificate of election of new members.

CITY OF BOSTON.

City Clerk's Office, City Hall,
Dec. 18, 1877.

Geo. A. Smith, *Secretary School Committee:* —

Sir, — It appears by the returns of votes cast in this city, on the 11th inst., that the following persons, having received a plurality of votes, have been duly elected members of the School Committee of this city, for the term of three years, from the second Monday of January next: Lucia M. Peabody, Nahum Chapin, Warren Fletcher, William T. Adams, William H. Learnard, Jr., George H. Plummer, William C. Collar, Abram E. Cutter.

Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Morse, a committee of three was appointed to collect the certificates of members elect. Committees appointed to collect certificates.

The Chair appointed as that committee Messrs. Report.

Morse, Finney, and Hobbs, who, after attending to their duties, reported the credentials of Miss Peabody, Messrs. Learnard, Cutter, Collar, Fletcher, and Plummer, newly elected members, to be in due form.

Rules and Regulations adopted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the last year were adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the present year until otherwise ordered.

Vice-President chosen.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Vice-President, and Messrs. Finney, Winship, and Hayes were appointed to receive, sort, and count votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 20. Wm. H. Finney had 1; Wm. H. Learnard, Jr,, 19, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary and Auditing Clerk chosen.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and Auditing Clerk. Messrs. Morse, Perkins, and W. P. Adams were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Blank, 1; George A. Smith had 20, and was accordingly declared elected.

Messenger chosen.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Messenger. Messrs. Fletcher, Blake, and Porter were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Alvah H. Peters had 21, and was accordingly declared elected.

Treasurer of Corporation chosen.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer of the Corporation. Messrs. Learnard, Plummer, and Thayer were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Wm. H. Learnard, Jr., had 1, Wm. H. Finney had 20, and was accordingly declared elected.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing

Committees, also the Normal School, High School and Division Committees, and the same were approved by the Board, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees appointed.

Accounts. — Messrs. Learnard, Finney, Morse, Warren P. Adams, William T. Adams.

Deaf-Mutes. — Messrs. Palmer, Learnard, Ryan.

Drawing. — Messrs. Perkins, Thayer, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Flint, Cutter.

Elections. — Messrs. Palmer, Finney, Hobbs.

Evening Schools. — Messrs. Fletcher, Warren P. Adams, Hayes, Porter, Hobbs.

Examinations. — Messrs. Thayer, Flint, Moran, Miss Peabody, Mr. Collar.

Kindergarten. — Mr. Blake, Miss Peabody, Mr. Bowditch.

Licensed Minors. — Messrs. Porter, Thayer, Chapin.

Military Drill. — Messrs. Morse, Fletcher, Hayes.

Music. — Messrs. Perkins, Winship, Blake, Miss May, Mr. Warren P. Adams.

Nominations. — Messrs. Finney, Learnard, Plummer, Porter, Palmer.

Rules and Regulations. — Messrs. Finney, William T. Adams, Miss May, Messrs. Palmer, Hobbs.

Salaries. — Messrs. Morse, Plummer, Palmer, Chapin, Hayes.

School-houses. — Messrs. Chapin, Plummer, Moran, Bowditch, Winship.

Sewing. — Messrs. Winship, Chapin, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Ryan, Warren P. Adams.

Truant Officers. — The Mayor, Messrs. Learnard, Fletcher, Ryan, Cutter.

Text-Books. — Messrs. Thayer, Palmer, Blake, Morse, Collar.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal, High Schools, and Division Committees appointed.

Normal School. — Mr. Thayer, Miss May, Messrs. Learnard, Hobbs, Moran.

High Schools. — Mr. Flint, Miss May, Messrs. Morse, Bowditch, Collar.

First Division. — Messrs. Plummer, Fletcher, Chapin, Porter, Cutter.

Second Division. — Messrs. Chapin, Fletcher, Finney, Perkins, Cutter.

Third Division. — Messrs. Perkins, Porter, Palmer, William T. Adams, Plummer.

Fourth Division. — Mr. Morse, Miss May, Messrs. Blake, Palmer, Hayes.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Learnard, Morse, Flint, Hayes, Collar.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Warren P. Adams, Thayer, Blake, Ryan, Collar.

Seventh Division. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Hobbs, Moran, Ryan, Finney.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Winship, William T. Adams, Bowditch.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. William T. Adams, Warren P. Adams, Finney.

Mr. Perkins offered the following order: —

Evening Drawing Schools; master and head assistants confirmed.

Ordered, That the following nominations made by the Drawing Committee for the Free Evening Drawing Schools, in accordance with an order passed at the last meeting of this Board, by which the office of master was created in all schools having an attendance of more than 100 pupils, and of head assistant in those having an attendance of less than that number, be confirmed. George H. Bartlett,

master of the Tennyson Street School, Messrs. Clarence S. Ward, H. N. Mudge, Geo. W. Hammond, Charles Adams, and Geo. Loring, head assistants respectively of the Charlestown, East Boston, Highlands, Jamaica Plain, and Dorchester Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Finney it was

Voted, That the election of the Superintendent of Public Schools be assigned for eight o'clock, at the next regular meeting of the Board, and that the Committee on Nominations be excused from making any nomination.

Superintendent of Schools; election of.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was voted that a special committee of three be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the Public Schools of this city now before the General Court, or that may come before the General Court during the present year.

Special assignment.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Morse, Learnard, and Finney as the Legislature Committee.

Legislature Committee appointed.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Ordered, That the school building now being erected on Weston street be called the Allen School.

Name for school building.

Read and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 22, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Wm. T. Adams and Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Girls' High School. — Lizzie L. Smith, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Eliot District. — Mary E. F. McNeil, third assistant, and Marcella E. Donegan, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Georgianna M. Putnam and Louie M. Hinckley, third assistants.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Latin School. — Philippe de Sénancour, Special Teacher of French, from December 10, 1877. Nomination of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Annie M. Mitchell, third assistant, from January 2, 1878.

Gaston District. — Sarah C. Winn, first assistant, with lower salary; Mary E. Graves, second assistant, from December 3, 1877; Frances A. Cornish, third assistant, from September 3, 1877.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Charlotte M. Gardner, fourth assistant, from October 23, 1877; Charlotte M. Gardner, fourth assistant, from January 21, 1878; Annie M. Chace, fourth assistant, from September 5 to September 30, 1877.

Allston District. — Georgie Palmer, first assistant, from December 3 to December 27, 1877.

Bunker Hill District. — L. B. Pillsbury, third assistant, from January 2, 1878.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Mary E. Ryder, fourth assistant, from December 4, 1877.

Dudley (boys) District. — Mary R. Keith, first assistant from Oct. 22, to Nov. 9, 1877.

Gaston District. — Helen A. Shaw, third assistant, and Josephine A. Powers, fourth assistant, from Dec. 3, 1877, to Feb. 4, 1878.

Wells District. — Ellen F. Jones, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1878.

Accepted.

Principal of Girls' Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the rules were suspended to allow the presentation of the nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Girls' Latin School.

Mr. Finney, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, presented the name of John Tetlow as a candidate for the above position.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Ryan, and Fletcher, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Election of John Tetlow.

They reported the whole number of votes to be 20. Necessary for a choice, 13. John Tetlow had 20, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the resignation of Phineas Bates, truant officer for the South Boston District, to take effect Jan. 27, 1878.

Truant officers; resignation of Phineas Bates.

Accepted.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the nomination of James Bragdon as truant officer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Phineas Bates; term of service to commence Jan. 27, 1878.

Appointment of James Bragdon.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Flint it was

Voted, That the Committee on the Annual Report be authorized to report in print, and to include the Report on the Regulations for Teaching Sewing, the Courses of Study, and List of Text-books, the Roster of the School Regiment, Schedule of Salaries, List of School-houses classified, and the Dedication and Description of the Dorchester-Everett School-house.

Committee on Annual Report to report in print.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries consider the expediency of paying H. Winslow Warren, sub-master in the English High School, the maximum salary for the current school year.

Maximum salary to H. Winslow Warren.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Porter, it was

Voted, That the credentials of the members elect be referred to the Committee on Elections.

Credentials of members elect.

Mr. Bowditch presented a communication from the Industrial Educational Society of Boston, requesting an investigation of their work by the School Board, and soliciting pecuniary aid from them, if on examination the purposes of the society are deemed worthy of encouragement.

Communication from Industrial Educational Society.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Petition of E. Worthen James and others.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the petition of E. Worthen James and others, asking for one session of four hours a day in the Public Schools, was taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, it was

Unfinished business.

Voted, That all unfinished business of the last Board be taken from the files, and referred to the several committees having charge of the different subjects.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Seventh Division Committee, it was

Leave of absence to Emma L. B. Hintz.

Voted, That leave of absence until March 1, 1878, be granted to Emma L. B. Hintz, fourth assistant in the Boys' Dudley District.

Special assignment; election of Superintendent of Schools.

The hour having arrived which was assigned for the election of a Superintendent of Schools, the Board, on motion of Mr. Finney, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Finney was called to the chair by the President.

On motion of Mr. Morse, an informal ballot was taken.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Voted, That if any member appear before the ballot be decided, he be allowed to vote.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Morse, W. P. Adams, and Porter a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

They reported the whole number of votes 22. Edwin P. Seaver had 2; John D. Philbrick, 6, and Samuel Eliot, 14.

Mr. Morse moved that the committee rise and report progress. Passed.

The Committee of the Whole then arose and Mr. Finney reported progress.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Morse, Finney, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

They reported the whole number of votes to be 23. Necessary for a choice, 13. Edwin P. Seaver had 3, John D. Philbrick 5, and Samuel Eliot 15.

Samuel Eliot was accordingly declared elected Superindent of the Public Schools. Election of Samuel Eliot.

Mr. Flint moved to proceed to the election of a Board of Supervisors, not exceeding five in number. Election of Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Blake moved that the subject be assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board, and that the Committee on Nominations be excused from presenting any nominations. Special assignment.

Under a division of the question the Committee on Nominations was excused from reporting nominations for supervisors.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend Mr. Flint's motion so as to provide for the election of but four supervisors.

Mr. Morse raised a point of order, and called attention to Sect. 137 of the Rules, which provides that the School Committee shall elect by ballot *six* supervisors.

The point of order was withdrawn, the Chair deciding that the motion could be entertained under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hayes called for the yeas and nays on Mr. Blake's motion for the special assignment. Lost. Yeas and nays

Mr. Blake's motion for the special assignment was lost, 10 to 12.

Mr. Flint moved as a substitute for his motion that the committee proceed to the election of a Board of Supervisors, not exceeding five in number, and that Section 137 of the Rules be suspended in order that the motion may be entertained.

Mr. Flint moved that the subject be laid on the table.

Passed.

Mr. Learnard offered the following: —

Number of supervisors; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report at the next meeting of the Board, upon the expediency of amending Section 137 so as to provide for the election of a less number than six supervisors.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran the Rules were suspended to admit of the passage of the following: —

Salaries of superintendent and supervisors.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to consider the salaries of the superintendent and supervisors, and report on the same at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 12, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Palmer, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following letter of acceptance, which was placed on file: — Communication from Samuel Eliot.

44 BRIMMER ST., Jan. 25, 1878.

Dear Sir, — I have received this evening, your notification of my election as Superintendent of Public Schools. I accept the appointment, and am ready to enter upon its duties whenever I shall be informed of the time at which they begin.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL ELIOT.

GEO. A. SMITH, ESQ., *Sec'y School Committee, City of Boston.*

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Conley, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teacher.
Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Jeannie Bates, third assistant, from Feb. 11, 1878. Nomination of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Ella L. Burbank, third assistant, from Feb. 11, 1878.

Dwight District. — Helen M. Kimball, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Emery, third assistant, from Feb. 18, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Allston District. — Catherine J. Finneran, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, third assistant, from Feb. 14, 1878, to April 1, 1878.

Quincy District. — Nellie B. Tucker, third assistant, from Dec. 3, 1877.

Accepted.

Transfer of Georgie Palmer.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Georgie Palmer from the position of third assistant in the Allston District to that of third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, the transfer to take effect Feb. 4, 1878.

Accepted.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition of E. Worthen James and others.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the petition of E. Worthen James and others for the re-establishment of the morning sessions only, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, reported that, the Board having already acted in the matter, further action is unnecessary.

Accepted.

Regulations Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred the order that Sect. 338 of the Regulations be amended by inserting the words "the evenings of legal holidays excepted," after the word "week," at the end of the first sentence, — reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of a committee of the Industrial Education Society of Boston, recommended the passage of the following order: — Rules amended; Communication from Industrial Education Society.

Ordered, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to visit the Industrial School in Church street, and consider the general subject of Industrial Education. Committee appointed on Industrial Education.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair appointed Mr. Thayer, Miss May, and Mr. Blake, to serve as the above committee.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, who were instructed to consider the expediency of amending Section 137, so as to provide for a less number than six supervisors, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate. Number of Supervisors.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts consider the expediency of establishing four additional Kindergarten Schools, and that a hearing on the subject be granted the Committee on Kindergarten Schools. Additional Kindergarten Schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That in consideration of her long and successful service the temporary certificate granted to Lavinia B. Pendleton be made permanent. Certificate to Lavinia B. Pendleton.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the resignation of Susan K. Pratt, third assistant in the Lincoln District, to take effect Feb. 1, 1878. Resignation of Susan K. Pratt.

Accepted.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, reported the resignation of L. E. Shove, third assistant in the Gibson District, to take effect Feb. 1, 1878. Resignation of L. E. Shove.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Copies of Annual School Report.

Voted, That four thousand copies of Document 2 (Annual School Report, 1877) be printed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Voted, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Annual School Report for 1877 be printed in the usual manner.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Salary of Principal of Girls' Latin School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider and fix the salary of the Principal of the Girls' Latin School.

Passed, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Nomination of Evening School teachers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated Elizabeth A. Mahoney as assistant in the Hudson-street Evening School, from October 1, 1877, and Ida Adams, assistant in the Old Franklin School-house Evening School, from October 15, 1877.

Approved.

Reports of Committee on Salaries; maximum salary to H. Winslow Warren.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, who were requested — Jan. 22 — to consider the expediency of paying to H. Winslow Warren, sub-master in the English High School, the maximum salary for the current school year, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Pay of substitutes for sewing teachers.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, who were requested, — Dec. 26, 1877 — to consider the following tabulated order for the pay of substitutes for sewing teachers, reported that it ought to pass.

Divisions.	No. of weeks.	No. of hours.	Yearly pay.	Pay of regular serving teacher per hour.	Regular teachers per week.	Substitutes' pay per hour.	Pay per week.
3	40	240	$275	$1 14	$6 78	$0 60	$3 50
4	40	320	350	1 09	8 72	55	4 50
5	40	400	425	1 06	10 60	55	5 50
6	40	480	500	1 04	12 48	55	6 50
7	40	560	550	98	13 72	50	7 00
8	40	640	600	93	14 88	50	8 00
9	40	720	650	90	16 20	45	8 00
10	40	800	700	87	17 40	45	9 00
11	40	880	750	85	18 70	45	10 00

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salaries of Superintendent and Supervisors.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, who were instructed — January 22 — to consider the salaries of Superintendent and Supervisors, and report on the same at the next regular meeting of the Board, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent be fixed at $4,200 per annum ; and that of the Supervisors be fixed at $3,780 per annum.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Moran offered the following : —

Number of pupils to a teacher; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That Art. 4 of Sect. 226 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "registered" the words "below the master's room, and forty-two pupils for the master's room."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, certain orders for the establishment of a Committee on Supplies (School Document No. 26 of 1877), reported

that the orders ought to pass, with certain amendments. The report, on motion of Mr. Morse, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following: —

Accommodations for East Boston Branch High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable accommodations for the East Boston Branch High School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Second Division Committee, it was

Leave of absence to Ellen A. Chapin.

Voted, That leave of absence until April 1 be granted to Ellen A. Chapin, third assistant in the Frothingham School.

Resignation of Michael J. Green.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, reported the resignation of Michael J. Green, assistant in the Charlestown Free Evening Drawing School.

Accepted.

Evening Drawing School; teacher nominated.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, nominated Joseph F. Clarke as assistant in the Charlestown Free Evening Drawing School, from Thursday, February 7, in place of Michael J. Green, resigned.

Approved.

List of teachers excused from attending drawing lessons.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the following list of teachers excused from attending drawing lessons for the present school term: —

E F. Willett, Gaston District; H. F. Webster, Lyman District; I. M. Harmon, Franklin District; M. Heaton, Eliot District; E. E. Towle, Comins District; S. O. Brickett, Bowdoin District; N. R. Wyman, Gaston District; A. M. Cudworth, Lyman District; E. B. Peck, Quincy District; E. D. Kellogg, Brimmer District; A. W. Foster, Roxbury High School; M. E. Skinner, Hancock District; E. Brintnall, Eliot District; M. E. Downing, Norcross District; E. A. Scribner, Dudley

District; A. M. Prescott, Bunker Hill District; A. L. Cushman, Bowdoin District; L. P. Smith, Mather District; M. T. Snow, Brimmer District; C. G. Tewksbury, Eliot District; S. Hutchinson, Lincoln District.

Accepted.

Resignation of Florence H. Drew.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the resignation of Florence H. Drew, fourth assistant in the Emerson District, to take effect Feb. 4, 1878.

Accepted.

Chapman School-house; repairs.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make some necessary repairs in and about the Chapman School-house as soon as practicable.

Passed.

Resignation of M. A. Davie.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the resignation of M. A. Davie, third assistant in the Brimmer District, to take effect Feb. 11, 1878.

Accepted.

Philosophical apparatus for Allston School.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Allston School be provided with the requisite philosophical apparatus.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Copies of School Manual.

Voted, That the usual number of copies of the School Manual for 1878–9 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Copies of Rules and Regulations.

Voted, That a sufficient number of copies of the Rules of the School Committee, and Regulations of Public Schools, including all amendments up to date, be printed for the use of the Board and of the Schools.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Certificate to Mary E. Tufts.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to issue a certificate of the fourth grade to Mary E. Tufts, a teacher in the Central District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Reconsideration; nominations for Supervisors.

Voted, To reconsider the vote — Jan. 22 — whereby the Committee on Nominations was excused from presenting nominations for Supervisors.

The motion was then rejected.

Reconsideration; accommodations for E. Boston Branch High School.

Mr. Chapin moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the matter of accommodations for the East Boston Branch High School was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order was amended by striking out the reference to the Committee on School Houses.

Passed.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Committee appointed on Paris Exhibition.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed, who shall have authority to make all necessary arrangements for a representation of the Boston School System at the International Exhibition in Paris.

Passed, and the Chair appointed as the committee, Messrs. Finney, Winship, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, it was

Term of service of Superintendent elect.

Voted, That the term of service of Samuel Eliot, Superintendent elect of Schools, commence March 1, 1878.

Report of Com. on Nominations; Supervisors.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the names of —

Benj. F. Tweed,	Albert P. Marble,
Samuel W. Mason,	Admiral P. Stone,
Ellis Peterson,	Robert C. Metcalf,
Lucretia Crocker,	John Kneeland,
Geo. M. Folsom,	Geo. H. Howison,
Wm. Nichols,	David F. Lincoln.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the several motions with reference to the election of Supervisors were taken from the table. Election of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board went into secret session.

Mr. Hayes' motion to limit the number of Supervisors to four was the first question. Number of Supervisors.

Mr. Hayes called for the yeas and nays. Yeas and nays.

Lost.

The motion of Mr. Hayes, to limit the number of Supervisors to four, was lost.

Mr. Flint withdrew his several motions, with the consent of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to vote for one Supervisor, and Messrs. Finney, Blake, and Morse were appointed a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

They reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank 1; Benjamin F. Tweed had 21, and was accordingly declared elected. Benj. F. Tweed elected.

Mr. Finney moved that the Board proceed to the election of another Supervisor.

Mr. Winship moved, as an amendment, that the remaining five be balloted for at once.

Withdrawn.

Mr. Finney's motion was carried, and Messrs. Adams, Morse, and Blake were appointed a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 13. Wm. Nichols had 1, Samuel W. Mason had 20, and was accordingly declared elected. Samuel W. Mason elected.

Mr. Finney moved to proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Finney, at the request of Mr. Collar, read a communication concerning Mr. John Kneeland. Communication concerning John Kneeland.

Recess.

Mr. Porter moved a recess of five minutes.

Lost, by a vote of 4 to 13.

Mr. Hayes moved, as a substitute for Mr. Finney's motion, that the Board proceed to the election of four Supervisors.

Lost.

Mr. Finney's motion was carried.

Ellis Peterson elected.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. A. P. Stone had 1; A. P. Marble, 1; John Kneeland, 2; Wm. Nichols, 2; Ellis Peterson had 16, and was accordingly declared elected.

Lucretia Crocker elected.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Board proceeded to ballot for a fourth Supervisor.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Wm. Nichols had 1; A. P. Stone, 2; A. P. Marble, 2; John Kneeland, 2; Lucretia Crocker had 15, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Board proceeded to ballot for a fifth Supervisor.

Admiral P. Stone elected.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1; Wm. Nichols had 3; Geo. M. Folsom, 5; Admiral P. Stone had 13, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Board proceeded to the election of a sixth Supervisor. The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1; A. P. Marble had 1; Wm. Nichols, 8; John Kneeland, 12.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Moran, the Board proceeded to another ballot.

The committee reported: —

Blank, 1; R. C. Metcalf had 1; A. P. Marble, 1; Wm. Nichols, 7; John Kneeland had 12.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Board proceeded to another ballot.

The committee reported: —

Blank, 1; A. P. Marble had 2; Wm. Nichols, 6; John Kneeland had 13, and was accordingly declared elected.

John Kneeland elected.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the doors were thrown open and the regular business resumed.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: —

Reconsideration; term of service of S. Maria Elliott.

Ordered, That the vote of Sept. 25, 1877, by which S. Maria Elliott was nominated on probation as third assistant in the Minot District, the term of service beginning September 3, 1877, be reconsidered, and that said S. Maria Elliott be nominated on probation from Feb. 26, 1877, the latter being the date at which she commenced service.

Passed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Com. from Wm. H. Finney.

MASON ST., Feb. 12, 1878.

To the President of the Board of School Committee: —

SIR, — I respectfully ask to be relieved from further service as a member of the Committee on Nominations.

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. FINNEY.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the request was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 26, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Blake, Palmer, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dudley (boys) District. — Mary E. Watson, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Eliot District. — Channing Folsom, Usher.

Harris District. — Cora F. Plummer, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Adelaide E. Badger, and Florence E. Dexter, fourth assistants.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Adams District. — Ida M. Oliver, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878. Nomination of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Kate Wilson, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1877.

Gibson District. — Mary I. Roper, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Lowell District. — Rebecca Coulter, third assistant from Jan. 2, 1878.

Norcross District. — Emma F. Crane, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1877.

Accepted.

Temporary teachers.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant, from Feb. 4 to April 4, 1878.

Dudley (boys) District. — Frances T. Kelley, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Lyman District. — Clara E. Robinson, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Norcross District. — Jennie Mullaly, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School Houses; Primary accommodations.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order for additional Primary accommodations in the Prescott and Warren Districts, reported the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary School Building on the lot of land now owned by the City of Boston, on Polk street, in the Charlestown District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Examinations; certificate to Lavinia B. Pendleton.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — the order that a permanent certificate of service be granted to Lavinia B. Pendleton, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations; Art. 4, Sect. 226.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the order for the amendment of Art. 4, Sect. 226, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Salaries;

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, who were

requested — Feb. 12 — to fix the salary of the Principal of the Girls' Latin School, recommended the passage of the following order: —

Salary of Principal of Girls' Latin School.

Ordered, That the salary of the Principal of the Girls' Latin School be fixed at the rate of $3,000 per annum.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Normal and Rice Training School, reported the death of Elsie J. Parker, second assistant in the Rice School.

Death of Elsie J. Parker.

Placed on file.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred a request for philosophical apparatus in the Allston School, reported that the necessary apparatus will be furnished at as early a date as possible, provided the necessary appropriations are obtained.

Report of Com. on Accounts; philosophical apparatus for Allston School.

Accepted.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Dor.-Everett Dist.; land for Primary School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for a Primary School in the Dorchester-Everett District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the resignation of Willietta Bicknell, fourth assistant in the Lawrence District, to take effect Feb. 28, 1878.

Resignation of Willietta Bicknell.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Petition for Act of Legislature.

Ordered, That the President of this Board be requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of an act appointing the School Committee of the City of Boston, Trustees of the Gibson School Fund, and of such

other trust funds as are established for the benefit of either or all of the schools of this city, or for any portion of the pupils thereof, with authority to receive from the present trustees, or from the City Treasurer, all property belonging to said trust funds, and to manage said funds and disburse the income thereof in accordance with the several indentures creating said trusts.

Passed.

Letters from Supervisors elect.

The Chair read letters of acceptance from Ellis Peterson, Lucretia Crocker, John Kneeland, S. W. Mason, and Benj. F. Tweed (Supervisors elect), which were placed on file.

Terms of service of Supervisors elect.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the terms of service of the Supervisors elect commence April 1, 1878.

Passed.

Report of Com. on Examinations; certificate to Mary E. Tufts.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred the order that Mary E. Tufts be granted a certificate of the fourth grade, reported that it ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; duties of Supervisors.

Ordered, That Sections 138, 139, and 140 of the Rules and Regulations be changed to the following: —

Section 138. The Supervisors, one or more, as they shall determine, shall visit all the schools, and shall, once a year, before the 10th of May, examine in detail each teacher's method of conducting a school, and of teaching classes in the various branches of study; and shall, before May 10th, record the results of the examination in suitable books kept in the Supervisors' office and open only to the inspection of the Board and to that of the Superintendent. The Supervisors shall report in writing to the School Board, before the 15th of June of each year, the

general results of the examinations, with suggestions and recommendations.

Section 139. In addition to the examinations in detail, it shall be the duty of the Supervisors to inspect all the schools, in order to ascertain, —

1st. The sanitary conditions of the schools, houses, and premises, including the working of the heating and ventilating apparatus.

2d. The mode of government.

3d. The motives to study, and the methods of study and of instruction.

4th. The principles and methods of classifying and promoting pupils.

5th. The merits, defects, and needs of the various schools and classes, and, in general, the physical, mental, and moral condition of the scholars.

Sect. 140. And the Supervisors shall, before November 10th and May 10th of each school year, report thereon in writing, with such remarks and suggestions as they may deem expedient, to the several Division Committees and to the Committee on High Schools and the Committee on the Normal School. These reports shall be open only to members of the School Board and to the Superintendent.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: — Inscription for new Latin School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses, in conference with the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council, be requested to cause to be inscribed over the entrance to the new Latin School-house to be erected on Warren avenue, or on a tablet near the entrance, the following words: —

Sic ingredere ut te ipso quotidie doctior; sic egredere, ut in dies patriæ Christianaeque rei publicæ utilior evadas.

Ita demum Gymnasium a te feliciter ornatum existimabitur (So enter here that you may daily add something to your learning. So go forth that you may be more and more useful to your Christian Commonwealth and country. Thus at last you shall be esteemed as having been, happily, an ornament to this school); or any other inscription which may be recommended and approved by the Committee on High Schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses with full powers.

Leave of absence to Fannie Ashenden.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Voted, That leave of absence for three months, from February 26, be granted to Fannie Ashenden, third assistant in the Charles Sumner District.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; duties of Superintendent.

Ordered, That Section 120 of the Rules and Regulations, page 28, be amended by inserting in line five, after the words "by the Board," the following: "He shall also propose to the Board such legislation touching the schools as he may deem necessary."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; out-of-school lessons.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of so amending Section 230 of the Rules, that no lessons to be learned out of school shall be required of any pupil in the Grammar Schools under the first class.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Resignation of Wm. H. Finney on Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Finney moved to take from the table his resignation from the Committee on Nominations.

After some discussion the motion was lost.

Mr. Finney subsequently renewing his request to be relieved from service on the Committee on Nominations, the resignation was, on motion of Mr. Moran, taken from the table and accepted.

The Chair read a petition from the Board of Government of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, praying for the use of the Tennyson-st. School-house, for the months of September and October, 1878.

Petition from Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association.

Referred to a joint committee of the Committees on School Houses and the Fourth Division, and the chairman of the Committee on Drawing.

Miss May offered the following: —

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon vacation schools.

Com. appointed on vacation schools.

Passed, and the Chair appointed Miss May and Messrs. W. P. Adams and Bowditch to serve as the above committee.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 147 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out, in the fourth line from the bottom of page 32, the words "shall be granted," and also the words following in the next line, as far as "shall entitle."

Amendment proposed; duties of Supervisors.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 12, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Blake, Flint, Morse, Palmer, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a communication from Admiral P. Stone, declining to accept the position as a member of the Board of Supervisors. Communication from Admiral P. Stone.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the communication was placed on file, and the election of a Supervisor was specially assigned at fifteen minutes before nine o'clock, at the next regular meeting of the Board. Special assignment.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Palmer, requesting, on account of illness, to be relieved from further service on the Committees on Rules and Regulations, and Nominations. Communication from Ezra Palmer.

Placed on file, and request granted.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Brimmer District. — Alice Dickey, third assistant. Confirmation of Teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Angie P. Nutter, fourth assistant.

Lincoln District. — John F. Dwight, usher.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of Teachers.

Lawrence District. — Mary E. T. Shine, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1878.

Lincoln District. — Lavinia B. Pendleton, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1878.

Warren District. — Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary Teachers.

Brimmer District. — Jennie M. Carney, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Dwight District. — Ida A. Merriam, fourth assistant, from March 2, 1878.

Emerson District. — Ida E. Halliday, fourth assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Dor.-Everett District. — Mary E. Ryder, fourth assistant, from March 3, 1878.

Gaston District. — Helen A. Shaw, third assistant, and Josephine A. Powers, fourth assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Winthrop District. — Emma E. Chase, third assistant, from Feb. 5, 1878.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee; petition from Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association.

Mr. Chapin, for the Joint Committee to whom was referred a petition from the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association for the use of the Tennyson-street Schoolhouse during the months of September and October, 1878, recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to use the Tennyson-

street School building for the purposes indicated in their petition presented Feb. 26, 1878, on condition that the said Association shall provide accommodation for the Drawing and Primary classes now occupying said building, to the satisfaction of the committees in charge, and without any expense to the School Committee.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations; regulations Normal School.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order to amend Section 277, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Duties of Superintendent.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order to amend Section 120 of the Regulations, recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 120 be amended by striking out, in line five, the words "by the Board," and inserting the words "He may also propose to the Board such legislation touching the schools as he may deem necessary."

Accepted, and the order passed.

Duties of Supervisors.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order to amend Section 147 of the Regulations, recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 147 be amended by striking out the word "male," in the fifth line from the bottom on page 32, and also the word "certificates" in the same line, and all of the succeeding three lines, and inserting the following: "who do not hold certificates of any other grade."

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on School

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred an order that the school building now

Houses; name for Weston-st. School.

being erected on Weston street be called the Allen School, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Sarah E. Adams, substitute.

Miss May, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the name of Sarah E. Adams as a substitute in the Brimmer District for a longer term than one month.

Accepted.

Maximum salary to Ella L. Burbank.

Miss May, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, presented a report of the previous work of Ella L. Burbank, third assistant in the Brimmer District, with a request that she be granted the maximum salary of her position.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Resignation of Louise S. Hotchkiss.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the resignation of Louise S. Hotchkiss, first assistant (with a lower salary) in the Emerson District, to take effect March 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following : —

Andrew School. Street improvement.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the cobble-stones from that portion of Rogers street adjacent to the Andrew School.

Passed.

Report of Com. on Vacation Schools.

Miss May, for the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of Vacation Schools, recommended the passage of the following order : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide means for establishing two Vacation Schools, one for boys and one for girls, for the summer of 1878. The estimated cost for the same is two thousand dollars.

Passed.

Miss May, for the same committee, recommended the

reference of the following orders to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: — Amendment proposed.

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by introducing the words "on Vacation Schools, five;" after the words, "on Evening Schools, five."

Ordered, That the following section be added to Chapter 4, and numbered 54, the numbers of Sections 54 to 58, inclusive, being changed to conform: "The Committee on Vacation Schools shall have the care and management of all schools included in their title; they shall nominate to the Board, at the first meeting in June, or when vacancies occur, the teachers for these schools, and in the month of September shall make a written report of the schools under their charge."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the use of a room in such school-house of South Boston as the Committee on the Sixth Division may designate, be granted to Mrs. Emily Bethman for free instruction of a Kindergarten School. Room for Kindergarten School.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Voted, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Anna T. Bicknell, fourth assistant in the Boys' Dudley District. Leave of absence to Anna T. Bicknell.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Amanda Pickering, third assistant in the Lewis District, be allowed the maximum salary. Maximum salary to Amanda Pickering.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: — Amendment proposed; maximum salary to

Ordered, That Section 89 be amended, by inserting

instructors restored to original rank.

after the word "years," in the fifth line, "or any instructor who has once received the maximum salary, but has been reduced in rank on account of decrease in number of pupils, whenever restored to the original rank, under the provisions of Section 226, Article 3," "may," etc.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Amendment proposed; consolidation of special committees.

Mr. Learnard offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of amending the Rules, so as to provide for a consolidation of the special committees now appointed on special subjects.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Amendment proposed; regulations Evening Schools.

Mr. Finney offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That Section 314 of the Regulations be amended by substituting the word "November" for "October," and the word "February" for "March."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of amending the Regulations, so as to provide that the Evening Schools shall hold four sessions a week from the first Monday in November to the first of March.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Amendment proposed; election of Superintendent.

Miss May offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That Section 115 be amended, by substituting the following for the section as it now stands: —

"Biennially, at the first meeting in June, or at an adjournment thereof, a Superintendent shall be elected,

whose term of service shall begin at the end of the school year. Thirteen votes shall be required for an election."

Amendment proposed; election of Supervisors.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That Section 137 be amended by substituting therefor the following words: "At the first meeting in June, 1880, or at an adjournment thereof, six Supervisors shall be elected by ballot, three for the term of two years, and three for the term of one year; and annually thereafter three Supervisors shall be chosen for the term of two years. Vacancies may be filled whenever they occur. Thirteen votes shall be necessary for a choice. If more than the requisite number shall receive votes enough to elect, those having most votes shall be elected; or if two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, balloting shall be continued for those candidates until the requisite number shall be chosen. The Supervisors shall begin their work at the end of the school year."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Ordered, That teachers employed by the city be, and they hereby are, prohibited from holding municipal or other offices, the proper discharge of the duties of which will interfere with the performance of their duties as teachers.

Teachers not to hold offices.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Learnard moved a reconsideration of the order (page 29, Minutes, 1878), whereby the President of the Board was requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of an act appointing the School Committee of the City of Boston, Trustees of various School Funds.

Reconsideration; petition to Legislature.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the order was indefinitely postponed, the time for receiving new business in the Legislature having passed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations; Com. on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Finney, Document 3 (amendments to School Document No. 26, 1877, on the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on a Committee on Supplies) was taken from the table.

Mr. Porter moved to assign the consideration of the same to eight o'clock at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the first order was amended by substituting the following: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the words "on Salaries, five" the words "on Supplies, five."

The order, as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the first paragraph in the second order (Section 42) was amended in the fourth line so as to read "submitted by the Committees on Salaries and on Text-Books, and except such." The same line was further amended, on motion of Miss May, by striking out the word "except."

On motion of Mr. Finney, the second paragraph (Section 42) was stricken out.

The order concerning Section 42 was passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the third order was amended by substituting "Section 45" for "Section 44" in the first line.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the paragraph relating to janitors, at the top of page 5, was stricken out and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Miss May, the last paragraph in the third order was amended by substituting, in the first line, the words "give written authority to" for the words "authorize in writing."

On motions of Mr. Finney and Miss May, the first paragraph of the third order was amended to read: —

"The Committee on Supplies shall have exclusive authority in furnishing all materials used by the Board, its offices, or the Public Schools. They shall have exclusive power to authorize such expenditures, except it be for salaries as may be required in teaching such branches of study as have been adopted by the Board, not exceeding the several amounts appropriated for the same."

The third order, as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the number of Section 45, page 13, of the Rules was changed to 46, and the remaining sections in the chapter were regularly numerically advanced from that.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the fourth order was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the number "167," in the fifth order, was stricken out.

The fifth order, as amended, passed.

The sixth order passed.

The seventh order passed.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the last order was amended by adding the words "which committee shall be appointed prior to May 1, 1878, at which time they shall assume the duties of the position."

The last order, as amended, passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Music, submitted a report from that committee, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Perkins, ordered to be printed. Report of Com. on Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, presented Report of Com.

on Drawing; results of examination.

a report of the results of the teachers' examination in drawing, held February, 1878, accompanied by an order that the committee be authorized to print the same.

Opinion of Superintendent.

Mr. Collar asked for the opinion of the Superintendent on the desirability of making public the results of examinations of teachers.

Dr. Eliot replied, deprecating, on general principles, the publicity given to teachers' examinations.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Drawing.

Recess; plans of Allston School-house.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, a recess of five minutes was taken for the examination of the plans for the new Allston School-house.

The Board was then called to order.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 26, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Wm. T. Adams and Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Communication from City Council.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 18, 1878.

Ordered, That the School Board be requested to inform the City Council whether or not the salaries paid to school officers and instructors, and the proportionate cost per pupil for public education, are much higher than in most other large cities. Also, whether or not a reduction of ten or fifteen per cent. in salaries can be made without serious injury to the department.

Passed in Common Council.

Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, March 20, 1878.

A true copy.

Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Morse, referred to a joint committee of the Committees on Accounts and Salaries.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Adams District. — Almira E. Reid, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Emerson District. — Mary A. Ford, first assistant (with lower salary), from March 18, 1878.

Gaston District. — Helen A. Shaw, third assistant, from Dec. 17, 1877.

Lewis District. — Sarah H. Robbins, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878.

Quincy District. — Emma F. Colomy, third assistant, from Feb. 12, 1878.

Rice District. — Florence Marshall, second assistant, and Ella C. Hutchins, third assistant, from March 1, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant, from April 4, 1878.

Dwight District. — Mary W. Mitchell, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1878, and Isabella G. Bonnar, third assistant, from Feb. 13, 1878.

Emerson District. — Josephine F. Russell, third assistant, from March 1, 1878.

Hillside District. — Ida H. Adams, third assistant, from March 1 to May 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Transfer of Clara J. Doane.

Mr. Learnard, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Clara J. Doane from the position of third assistant in the Adams District to the position of third assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, to take effect March 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Mr. Learnard, for the same committee, reported that, having considered the request of the Sixth Division Committee for the change of rank of Joshua M. Dill in the Andrew School, under the provisions of Chap. XVI., Section 225. of the Rules and Regulations, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Change of rank of Joshua M. Dill.

Ordered, That Joshua M. Dill, usher in the Andrew School, be raised to the rank of sub-master, to take effect April 1, 1878, the number of pupils during the past quarter warranting such promotion.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Accounts, reported the discharge of the janitor of the Phillips-street Primary School, for cause.

Discharge of janitor.

Accepted, and the discharge approved.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated Dora Pitcher as assistant in the Anderson-street Evening School from March 20, 1878.

Evening Schools; teacher nominated.

Approved.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported, that after due consideration of the petition of E. Worthen James and others, for one session of four hours a day of the public schools, the committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition of E. Worthen James and others.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order prohibiting teachers from holding municipal or other offices, the proper discharge of the duties of which will interfere with their duties as teachers, reported, that while the committee deprecate the holding of such offices by teachers, they are of opinion that each case should be judged on its own merits, and that neglect, from *any cause*, on the part of the teachers to perform their duties is a sufficient cause for removal.

Teachers not to hold offices.

They are therefore of the opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Maximum salary to teachers restored to original rank.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order for the amendment of Section 89, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 89 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the word "years" the words "or any instructor who has once received the maximum salary, but has been reduced in rank on account of decrease in number of pupils, whenever restored to the original rank, under the provisions of Section 226, Art. 3."

Section 89 will then read, "Instructors, after retiring from the service of the Board, shall, when reëlected, be regarded as new teachers; but any such newly-elected instructor who has not been out of the service more than three years, or any instructor who has once received the maximum salary, but has been reduced in rank on account of decrease in number of pupils, whenever restored to the original rank, under the provisions of Section 226, Art. 3, may, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries, be put by the Board upon the advanced salary to which any previous term of service may have entitled the incumbent."

Accepted, and the order passed.

Duties of Supervisors.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred orders for the amendment of Sections 138, 139, and 140, submitted a report, which, on motion of Mr. Learnard, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed (Document 6, 1878).

Appointment of janitors.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred P. 5, Sect. 45, Document 3, 1878, concerning the appointment of janitors, reported at length to the effect that the committee are of the opinion that no change

should be made in the rules regarding the appointment of janitors, and that the proposed amendment ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Miss May, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order concerning the consolidation of committees on special subjects, submitted a report, which, on motion of Mr. Morse, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed (Document 7, 1878).

Consolidation of special committees.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom were referred orders for the payment of maximum salaries to Ella L. Burbank and Amanda Pickering, reported, that while the committee feel that, from the experience of these ladies as teachers, they would each well earn the maximum salary, yet, because the laws of the Commonwealth do not allow the increase of a salary after it has been fixed at the commencement of the school year, and as the salary of all third assistants was fixed, according to law, in June last, the committee are of the opinion that the orders ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Salaries; maximum salaries to Ella L. Burbank and Amanda Pickering.

Accepted.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order for a skeleton, and other articles for use in the study of physiology in the Normal School, reported, that while believing in the advisability of furnishing the articles requested, the committee have carefully considered the attendant expense, and are of the opinion that the passage of the order is at present inexpedient.

Report of Committee on Accounts; articles for Normal School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Normal School, it was —

Copies of Normal School catalogue.

Voted, That 1,000 copies of the catalogue of the Normal School be printed at the close of the present year.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was —

Observation and practice for Normal pupils.

Voted, That the head master of the Normal School be authorized to send the Normal pupils into the public schools for observation and practice one week each year.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, it was —

Color perception to be tested.

Voted, That permission be granted to Dr. B. Joy Jeffries to test the color perception of the pupils in the Girls' High and Normal Schools, at such time and place as may be convenient to the principals of said schools.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, it was —

Compensation to Clara C. Dunn.

Voted, That the sum of sixteen dollars and eighty-seven cents be paid to Clara C. Dunn, for services as substitute in the Winthrop School.

Report of Committee on Nominations; transfer of Elenette Pillsbury.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the transfer of Elenette Pillsbury, second assistant in the Emerson District, to the position of third assistant in the Adams District, to take effect April 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; salary of Normal graduates.

Ordered, That Sect. 281 be amended by striking out the following words: "And such graduates who are also graduates of a public High School of this city shall, when so employed, receive the same salary for their first and subsequent years of service that others receive for the second and subsequent years."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Maximum salary to Joshua M. Dill.

Ordered, That the maximum salary of sub-master be paid to Joshua M. Dill, of the Andrew School, recently restored to that position; the salary to date from April 1, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, it was —

Voted. That leave of absence for one month be granted to Thomas H. Barnes, master of the Bigelow School, on account of ill health, and that the Division Committee be authorized to provide for such vacancy. Leave of absence to Thomas H. Barnes.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to grant a certificate of service to Sarah D. Colburn. Certificate to Sarah D. Colburn.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of further amendments to the rules relating to the duties of the Supervisors. Amendment proposed; duties of Supervisors.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That practical instruction in the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures be given in the Grammar and Primary Schools. Instruction in Metric System.

Read, and referred to the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was —

Voted, That the Committee on School Houses request the Committee on Public Buildings to take immediate steps towards securing the proper ventilation of the offices and rooms of this Board Ventilation of Mason-street Building.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Seventh Division Committee, it was —

Voted, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to Elizabeth E. Backup, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District. Leave of absence to Elizabeth E. Backup.

On motion of Mr. Finney, a recess until half-past eight o'clock was taken. Recess.

The Board was then called to order.

Com. on Supplies appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Chapin, Ryan, W. T. Adams, and Plummer to serve as the Committee on Supplies.

Approved.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair appointed Mr. W. T. Adams, as chairman, and Mr. Bowditch to serve on the Committee on Nominations, in place of Messrs. Finney and Palmer, resigned.

Approved.

The Chair appointed Mr. W. P. Adams to serve on the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in place of Mr. Palmer, resigned.

Approved.

Mr. Finney asked to be excused from further service on the Committee on Accounts.

Granted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Fletcher to serve on the Committee on Accounts, in place of Mr. Finney, resigned.

Approved.

Mr. Learnard offered the following: —

Adoption of amendments.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of providing that amendments to the Rules and Regulations which go into effect at any other time than the commencement of the school year shall require for adoption a three-fourths vote of members present and voting; that the same committee consider the expediency of providing that their reports, before being acted upon, shall be laid over to the next regular meeting of the Board.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was —

Voted, That the President of this Board request of the

City Solicitor a written opinion of the legality of the various orders passed by this Board and presented to him by the Committee on Accounts in January last. Opinion of City Solicitor.

The time having arrived for the consideration of the special assignment, — the election of a Supervisor, — the Board, on motion of Mr. Porter, proceeded to the election. Special assignment; election of Supervisor.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the Board went into secret session.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fletcher, Collar, and Ryan a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board proceeded to an informal ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Wm. Nichols had 8; Geo. M. Folsom, 7; Samuel Thurber, 6.

Mr Cutter moved that the election of a Supervisor be indefinitely postponed, and that the rules be suspended to allow the consideration of the question.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to a formal ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary to a choice, 13. Geo. M. Folsom had 6; Wm. Nichols, 7; Samuel Thurber, 8.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Morse, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee reported: —

Whole number of votes, 21.

Geo M. Folsom had 3; Samuel Thurber, 7; Wm. Nichols, 11.

There being no choice, Mr. Morse moved to proceed to a third ballot.

Mr. Finney moved to lay the subject on the table.

Lost, 9 to 13.

The motion to ballot was carried.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Geo. M. Folsom had 4; Samuel Thurber, 6; Wm. Nichols, 11.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the subject was laid on the table by a vote of 13 to 8.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Assistance for Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to properly conduct the examination of candidates for the places of teachers, to be held in the first week of April.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Maximum salary to O. Augusta Welch.

Ordered, That the maximum salary be granted to O. Augusta Welch, of the Lowell School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,

Secretary.

In School Committee, April 9, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, W. P. Adams, Flint, Hayes, Moran, Palmer, Perkins, and Miss May.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; salary of Normal graduates.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order for the amendment of Section 281, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 281 be amended by striking out all of the section after the word "equal," in the third line.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Section 281 will then read: "When teachers are to be employed in the public schools, graduates of this school shall have the preference, other things being equal."

Committee on Rules and Regulations to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was —

Voted, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations have leave to report in print on the order referred to them to consider the expediency of amending the regulations relating to the duties of Supervisors; and that they have leave to report in print such verbal or other amendments as in their judgment are necessary before the revised edition is printed.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was —

Salary of Superintendent and Supervisors.

Voted, That the order of the Board (Feb. 12), fixing the salary of the Superintendent of the Public Schools, take effect March 1, 1878, and the order of the same date, fixing the salaries of the Supervisors, take effect April 1, 1878; the salaries so established to continue until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Second Division Committee, it was —

Leave of absence to Ellen A. Chapin.

Voted, That the leave of absence of Ellen A. Chapin, third assistant, in the Frothingham District, be extended to the end of the present school year, on account of continued illness.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Text-books in Latin School.

Ordered, That Arnott's Physics, or Rolfe and Gillett's Manual of Physics, be permitted as a text-book in the Public Latin School.

Passed, under a suspension of the Rules.

Ordered, That Smith's History of England be permitted as a text-book in the Public Latin School.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; organization of High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of revising Section 246.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Maximum salary to Artemas Wiswall.

Ordered, That the maximum salary of sub-master be paid to Artemas Wiswall, principal of the Charles Sumner District, in accordance with the amendment of Section 89 of the Rules and Regulations, passed March 26, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have that portion of Mason street opposite the building occupied by the School Committee paved with wood or asphalt. Mason street; improved paving.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses with full powers.

Mr. Finney moved that the sessions of the Public Schools be suspended on Friday next. Holiday for schools.

Lost.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Ordered, That Lavinia B. Pendleton, third assistant in the Lincoln District, be allowed the maximum salary of her grade. Maximum salary to Lavinia B. Pendleton.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 23, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Palmer, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Opinion of City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
2 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON, April 13, 1878.

SIR, — The five orders of the School Committee, with a statement of the facts upon which each of the orders was founded, submitted to me by you, on the 30th ultimo, for my opinion of the legality of them respectively, have been fully considered, and my opinion is that the School Committee did not transcend their legal powers in the adoption of either of them. The only provision of law with which either of the orders could be supposed to be in conflict is, I presume, the statute which prohibits during any school year an increase of the salaries of teachers fixed at the beginning of that school year. In determining the salaries at the beginning of the year, the committee did not assign to each teacher by name a salary, but the teachers were classified according to the duties that would be required of them and the qualifications they possessed, and each teacher was assigned the salary provided for the class to which he belonged. The salaries so fixed at the beginning of the year were not afterwards increased during the year. The orders in question do not disturb the rates of compensation fixed for the teachers of any class, but do determine in what class the teachers named in each order shall be included; and

it seems to me that the facts stated justify the action of the committee in this respect. I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. HEALY.

HON. HENRY L. PIERCE,
President of the School Committee.

Placed on file.

Petition for Grammar accommodations, Gibson District.

The Chair read a petition from thirty-one residents of the Dorchester District, praying that the lowest class of the Gibson Grammar School be accommodated in the Thetford-avenue Primary Building, on the ground of greater convenience to the younger pupils.

Referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Normal School. — Annie E. Chace, assistant; W. Bertha Hintz, special teacher of illustrative drawing, etc.

Latin School. — William Gallagher, Jr., and Edward P. Jackson, sub-masters; and P. de Sénancour, special teacher of French.

Roxbury High School. — Alla W. Foster, fourth assistant.

Allston District. — Persis B. Swett, first assistant.

Bowdoin District. — Kate Wilson, fourth assistant.

Brimmer District. — Lilla H. Shaw and Annie M. Mitchell, third assistants.

Dor.-Everett District. — George M. Fellows, usher; Mary F. Thompson, first assistant; and Helen M. Hills, second assistant.

Gaston District. — Sarah C. Winn, first assistant

(with lower salary), and Frances A. Cornish and Helen A. Shaw, third assistants.

Hancock District. — Mary L. Desmond, fourth assistant.

Norcross District. — Emma F. Crane, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Louise A. Kelley, fourth assistant.

Tileston District. — Hiram M. George, first assistant.

Wells District. — Ella F. Inman, first assistant, and Mary G. Shaw, first assistant (with lower salary).

On motion of Mr. Warren P. Adams, the name of Helen A. Shaw was omitted.

Accepted as amended, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Charlotte M. Gardner, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1878.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant, from March 8, 1878.

Emerson District. — Frances H. Turner, second assistant, from April 8, 1878.

Minot District. — Katie S. Gunn, fourth assistant, from April 8, 1878.

Wells District. — Ellen F. Jones, third assistant, from April 8, 1878; and Emeline E. Durgin, third assistant, from April 15, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Laura Plummer, third assistant, from March 10 to March 30, 1878.

Brimmer District. — Jennie M. Carney, third assistant, from May 4, 1878.

Mather District. — Mary C. Turner, fourth assistant, from April 16, 1878.

Accepted.

Reports of Com. on Salaries; maximum salary to Joshua M. Dill.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 26 — the order for payment of the maximum salary of sub-master to Joshua M. Dill, of the Andrew District, the salary to date from April 1, 1878, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Maximum salary to Artemas Wiswall.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order for payment of the maximum salary of sub-master to Artemas Wiswall, principal of the Charles Sumner District, reported the passage of the order inexpedient.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Maximum salary to Emma F. Colomy.

Ordered, That the maximum salary of third assistant be paid to Emma F. Colomy, of the Quincy District, from the time of her beginning service in said district.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Exeter-street School; additional temporary teacher.

Ordered, That an additional temporary teacher be allowed in the Exeter-street School for the balance of the school year.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Resignation of Nathalia Bent.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, reported the resignation of Nathalia Bent, fourth assistant in the Minot District, to take effect April 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Resignation of A.M.F.Sprague.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the resignation of A. M. F. Sprague, fourth

assistant in the Phillips District, to take effect April 8, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Isabella Bennett, third assistant in the Wells District, to take effect April 14, 1878.

Resignation of Isabella Bennett.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was —

Voted, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to O. M. E. Rowe and M. F. Winning, third assistants in the Hancock District, and G. D. Barstow, fourth assistant in the Wells District.

Leave of absence to O. M. E. Rowe, M. F. Winning, and G. D. Barstow.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Mary L. Desmond, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, receive the maximum salary from the date of her appointment, Dec. 1, 1877.

Maximum salary to Mary L. Desmond.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Drawing Committee be authorized to exhibit the work done in the Free Evening Drawing Schools, at the Art Club, in the ensuing month of May, without putting the city to expense in the matter.

Exhibition Evening Drawing School work.

Passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, reported the following-named teachers as excused from attending lessons in drawing: —

Teachers excused from attending drawing lessons.

Fannie B. Bowers, Phillips District; Martha S. Damon and Margaret Moody, Lawrence District; S. E. Leonard, Harvard District; Jennie Eastman, Dwight District; Ernestine Ditson, Emerson District; O. M. E. Rowe, Sarah J. Copp, and S. L. Sherman, Hancock District.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Maximum salary to Mary A. Emery.

Ordered, That Mary A. Emery, third assistant in the Harvard District, be allowed the maximum salary of her grade, on account of previous service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Absence of Annie D. Dalton.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the name of Annie D. Dalton, second assistant in the Warren District, as absent for longer than one month.

Approved.

M. J. Beebe, substitute.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the name of M. J. Beebe as a substitute for longer than one month in the Charles Sumner District.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was —

Leave of absence to Frances L. Dodge.

Voted, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to Frances L. Dodge, third assistant in the Warren District.

Mr. Hayes offered the following: —

"Usher;" change of name.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of changing the name "usher" to that of some more appropriate title.

Passed.

Mr. Learnard, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Alterations, Dwight School building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Dwight School building as are necessary to provide an office on the first floor for the master.

Read and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Reduction of

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be requested

to consider and report whether or not the expense of teaching drawing in the public schools can be reduced without impairing the efficiency of instruction.

Expense of teaching drawing.

Passed.

Mr. Finney offered the following : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider the expediency of providing in their annual report that the salaries for the next school year of teachers residing out of the city shall be ten per cent. less than the salaries of teachers of the same grade residing in Boston.

Salaries of teachers residing out of city.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the vote whereby the order requesting the City Council for change of paving in Mason street, opposite the building occupied by the School Committee, was referred to the Committee on School Houses, was reconsidered.

Reconsideration; Mason street, improved paving.

The order was then passed without reference.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was —

Voted, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to H. H. Gould, sub-master in the Comins District.

Leave of absence; H. H. Gould.

Mr. Flint offered the following : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider and report suitable regulations for the Girls' Latin School.

Regulations for Girls' Latin School.

Passed.

On motion of Miss May, the subject of simple dress at the graduation exercises of the schools was referred, with full powers, to a special committee.

Committee appointed on Simple Dress.

The Chair appointed Miss May, Miss Peabody, and Mr. William T. Adams as the above-mentioned committee.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Flint, Hobbs, W. P.

Committee

appointed on Annual School Festival.

Adams, Blake, and Fletcher as the committee to make arrangements for, and take charge of, the annual school festival.

Mr. Fletcher requested to be excused from serving, and Mr. Plummer was appointed in his place.

Mr. Learnard offered the following: —

Salary of Normal Graduates.

Ordered, That those teachers in the employ of the city, April 9, 1878, receiving for the first year of service the salary of the second year, according to the provisions of Sect. 281 of the Regulations as then existing, be continued at that salary until the close of the first year of service, subsequent compensation to be according to the regular rates of payment for the second and third years of service.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations; duties of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Finney, Document 6 (amendments to Sections 138, 139, 140) was taken from the table.

Mr. Collar moved to amend by striking out Sect. 138, and substituting the following: —

"The Supervisors shall visit all the schools, and shall, twice a year in the Primary Schools and once a year in the Grammar and High Schools, carefully examine each teacher's method of discipline, management, and instruction; and, whenever any school has been examined, they shall, through one of their number, confer with the principal, pointing out what is faulty, and making such suggestions as they may deem proper.

"They shall also, before May 10, record the results of such examinations, in suitable books, kept in the Supervisors' office, and open only to the inspection of the Board and of the Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, it was —

Voted, That Document 6 be recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and the proposed substitute for Section 138 be referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Finney, Document 7 (consolidation of special committees) was taken from the table.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations; consolidation of special committees.

Mr. Chapin moved to amend by placing the evening schools under the direction of the several division committees.

On motion of Miss May, it was —

Voted, To consider the amendments separately.

Mr. Chapin withdrew his motion.

Mr. Porter moved that Order No. 1 be referred to the Committees on Music and Drawing, and the whole subject recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and the opinion of each committee obtained.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 12.

The first change recommended, viz., the union of the Committees on Music and Drawing, passed by a vote of 14 to 6.

Rules amended. Committees on Music and Drawing united.

The second change, that the military training be given in charge of the Committee on High Schools, passed.

Rules amended; military training.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the consideration of the remainder of Doc. 7 was specially assigned to eight o'clock, at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Special assignment.

Mr. Learnard offered the following : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause to be made such alterations in the out-buildings of the Concord-street Primary School as will remedy their present very defective sanitary condition.

Concord-street Primary School; alterations.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the subject of the election of a Supervisor was taken from the table, by a vote of 13 to 6.

Election of Supervisor.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the Board proceeded to an informal ballot, by a vote of 11 to 8.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the Board went into secret session.

Mr. Porter moved to reconsider the vote to close the doors.

Lost.

Mr. Collar moved that after the informal ballot a recess of five minutes be taken.

Lost.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Morse, Collar, and Thayer, a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 22.

R. F. Leighton had 1; David F. Lincoln, 3; Geo. M. Folsom, 4; Samuel Thurber, 5; William Nichols, 6; blank, 3.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board proceeded to a formal ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes 21.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

R. C. Metcalf had 1; David F. Lincoln, 2; Geo. M. Folsom, 5; Samuel Thurber, 5; William Nichols, 6; blank, 2.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the subject was laid on the table, by a vote of 11 to 10, the Chair throwing the casting vote.

On motion, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,

Secretary.

In School Committee, May 14, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Palmer and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Elections, presented the credentials of W. T. Adams, member-elect of the School Committee, for three years from the second Monday in January last. Credentials of Wm. T. Adams.

Received, and placed on file.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Adams District. — Almira E. Reid and Ida M. Oliver, third assistants. Confirmation of teachers.

Bennett District. — Jeannie Bates, third assistant.

Comins District. — Rebecca Morrison, third assistant.

Dudley (boys) District. — Susie C. Lougee, first assistant.

Dwight District. — Isabella G. Bonnar and Helen M. Kimball, third assistants.

Gaston District. — Helen A. Shaw, third assistant.

Lewis District. — Amanda Pickering, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Rebecca Coulter, third assistant, and O. Augusta Welch, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Josephine E. Copeland, fourth assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Andrew District. — Alice P. Howard, fourth assistant, from April 29, 1878.

Dwight District. — Isabella G. Bonnar, third assistant, from February 13, 1878.

Hillside District. — Louise P. Arnold, third assistant, from May 1, 1878.

Winthrop District. — Emma E. Chase, third assistant, from March 5, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

West Roxbury High. — Mary L. Charles, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1878.

Andrew District. — Dora Morrison, third assistant, from April 8, 1878.

Emerson District. — Laura Plummer, third assistant, from April 8, 1878.

Frothingham District. — Abby L. Hapgood, fourth assistant, from January 22, 1878.

Harris District. — Ida F. Kendall, fourth assistant, from May 6, 1878.

Lyman District. — Clara E. Robinson, third assistant, from May 4, 1878.

Minot District. — Anne G. Lauriat, fourth assistant, from May 13, 1878.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, third assistant, from April 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order to amend Section 115 of the Regulations, reported that, after considering the subject, they are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; election of Superintendent.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order to consider the expediency of revising Section 246, after careful consideration of the subject, presented the following partial report: —

Organization of High Schools; rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 246 — Article 6 (5 as printed) — be amended by substituting the following after the word "assistants," on page 54: "All male instructors in the High Schools who are not Principals, shall be Masters and Junior Masters. Such instructors who have been employed ten years or more as regular teachers in the High Schools of this city shall be Masters; and those who have been so employed less than ten years shall be Junior Masters. The committee in charge of any High School may recommend, and the Committee on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate a Junior Master, whose term of service shall begin with the rank and salary of any year after the first in the series constituting the term of a Junior Master; and the salary of such instructor, if his nomination be confirmed by the Board, shall be annually increased in the same manner as if he had served during the preceding years of such term."

The Committee on Rules and Regulations recommend the adoption of the following order as a part of the plan proposed in this report, and respectfully request its reference to the Committee on Salaries: —

Salary of instructors in High Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the subordinate male instructors in the High Schools be —— dollars for the first year's service, with an annual increase of —— dollars

during the succeeding ten years, so that masters on attaining this rank shall receive the maximum salary for the first and each subsequent year of service as such.

Accepted.

The first order passed; the second order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Duties of Supervisors; rules amended.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted their report of March 26 (Document 6), with a proposed amendment to Section 138, reported back to the Board their original recommendations, with the following changes: In the first line of the proposed Section 138, substitute the words "their Board" for the word "they," and insert after the word "schools," in the second line, the words "as often as practicable."

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the word "carefully" was substituted for the words "in detail," in the third line of Section 138.

Section 138 as amended, and Sections 139 and 140, passed.

Special assignment; consolidation of special committees.

Mr. Finney called for the special assignment, viz., the further consideration of Document 7.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the subject was further specially assigned to eight o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Adoption of amendments.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed to "consider the expediency of providing that their reports, before being acted upon, shall be laid over to the next meeting of the Board," reported that, in the opinion of the committee, more time should be given by the members of the Board to the careful consideration of changes in the Rules and Regulations; they therefore submit the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 41 of the Rules be amended by adding the following: —

"Amendments to the Rules or Regulations shall be read at two different meetings of the Board before they are finally acted upon."

Accepted, and on motion of Mr. Finney the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order — March 12 — to amend Section 137, requested that further time be granted in which to consider the subject and report thereon. Election of Supervisors.

Granted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, who were instructed — March 26 — to consider the expediency of providing that amendments to the Rules and Regulations, which go into effect at any other time than the commencement of the school year, shall require for adoption a three-fourths vote of members present and voting," reported that after consideration the committee deem it inexpedient to legislate. Adoption of amendments.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, reported an order recommending further amendments to the Rules and Regulations relating to the duties of the Supervisors (Document 8). Duties of Supervisors; rules amended.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order for the amendment of Section 320, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Regulations of Evening Schools; rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 320 be amended in the third line by substituting the word "February" for the word "March."

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Eliot School building; alterations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Eliot School building as are necessary to provide for an office for the master on the first floor.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Dwight School building; alterations.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 23 — an order to provide an office for the master in the Dwight School-house, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Concord-street Primary School; alterations.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee to whom was referred — April 23 — an order that the City Council be requested to cause such alterations to be made in the out-buildings of the Concord-street Primary School as will remedy their present very defective sanitary condition, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Kindergarten class, Blossom-street School.

Ordered, That Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw be allowed to make use of a now unoccupied room in the Blossom-street Primary School-house, for a Kindergarten School, which she has offered to establish and maintain at her own expense, as regards the teacher's salary, the furniture, and materials.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Fannie Ashenden.

Voted, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to Fannie Ashenden, third assistant in the Charles Sumner District.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Military Drill, it was

Voted, That the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment take place on Friday, May 17, 1878.

Annual parade Boston School Regiment.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-four dollars forty cents, be paid to Lucy E. Elliott, for services as temporary first assistant in the Girls' Latin School from February 12 to May 1, 1878.

Compensation to Lucy C. Elliott.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order for amending the Regulations concerning the sessions of the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; regulations Evening Drawing Schools; rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 337 of the Regulations be amended, by substituting the word "third" for the word "first" in the second line, and by substituting the phrase, "Friday next preceding the third Monday in March," for the phrase "last school evening of March," in the last line.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following: —

Tablet, Frothingham School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove from the Frothingham School-house the tablet which now bears the name of Winthrop, and substitute a tablet bearing the present name of the building.

Passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Change in course of study; High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to make such change in the programme of the third year as shall enable students to continue the lan-

guage, already chosen, for one hour per week, giving but three hours per week to a new language.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Date of Annual School Festival.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on the Annual Festival, it was

Voted, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, June 29.

Normal and High School graduates excused.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduates of the several High Schools and the Normal School be excused from participation in the Annual School Festival.

Passed.

Normal and High School graduates; reserved seats.

On motion of Miss May, it was

Voted, That the Committee on the Annual Festival furnish to the graduates of the several High and Normal Schools reserved seats at the Annual School Festival.

Report of Committee on Drawing; reduction of expense.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred — April 23 — an order requesting them to consider and report whether, or not, the expense of teaching drawing in the public school can be reduced without impairing the efficiency of instruction, reported that, having considered the above order, the committee are of the opinion that the expense of teaching drawing in the city schools can be diminished without detriment, as follows: —

First. By limiting the number of special instructors to five, which would save the salary of one instructor, namely, two thousand one hundred dollars.

Secondly. By limiting the number of months during which the Free Evening Drawing Schools are kept open to five, and thus saving the expenses of the sixth month, hitherto allowed, which may be calculated at about one thousand four hundred dollars.

The reduction thus effected would amount to three thousand five hundred dollars.

The committee desire to state that they have under consideration a third proposition, by which a still further reduction in their department might be effected. They are not, however, yet prepared to report definitely on this proposition, and therefore respectfully request to be allowed further time to consider it.

Accepted, and further time granted.

On motion of Miss May, it was

Voted, That the Committee on Drawing be instructed to report orders covering the various recommendations for reduction.

Resignation of Isabel M. Kelren.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the resignation of Isabel M. Kelren, fourth assistant in the Lawrence District, to take effect April 15, 1878.

Accepted.

Compensation to Mary E. T. Shine.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of sixty-one dollars eighty-seven cents be paid to Mary E. T. Shine, for services as temporary teacher in the Lawrence District, from Dec. 15, 1877, to Feb. 11, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Apparatus for metric system.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That apparatus for instruction in the use of the metric system be furnished to the Grammar Schools, at an expense not exceeding fifteen dollars for each school.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Examination in metric system.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, it was

Voted, That no questions in the metric system be included in the diploma tests given this year to the graduating classes of the Grammar Schools.

Number of drawing-books furnished.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was

Voted, That the auditing clerk report to this Board, at its next meeting, the number of drawing-books furnished each school during the last and present school year.

Chapman School-house heating apparatus.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to change the heating apparatus in the Chapman School-house.

Read and referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Maximum salary to Leroy F. Griffin.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Ordered, That Leroy F. Griffin, usher in the Charlestown High School, be allowed the maximum salary for the present school year, on account of one year's previous service in the Boston Latin School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Reconsideration; maximum salary to Artemas Wiswall.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Salaries, on the salary of Artemas Wiswall, — April 23, — was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the order concerning the salary of Artemas Wiswall was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Election of Supervisor.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the subject of the election of a Supervisor was taken from the table, and the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Porter, and Wm. T. Adams, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee reported the whole number of ballots to be 21. Necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1. George W. Gardner had 1; John E. Fitzgerald, 2; Samuel Thurber, 4; George M. Folsom, 6; William Nichols, 7. There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Porter, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

Mr. Collar withdrew the name of Samuel Thurber.

The committee reported the whole number of ballots to be 22. Necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1. John E. Fitzgerald had 1; R. F. Leighton, 2; George W. Gardner, 5; George M. Folsom, 5; William Nichols, 8.

There being no choice, Mr. Flint moved to lay the subject on the table until September next.

Lost.

Mr. Cutter moved that the Board go into secret session.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board proceeded to a third ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of ballots to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1. John E. Fitzgerald had 1; R. F. Leighton, 1; Samuel Thurber, 1; Geo. W. Gardner, 5; Geo. M. Folsom, 5; William Nichols, 8.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to a fourth ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of ballots to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1. Godfrey Morse had 1; John E. Fitzgerald, 2; Geo. W. Gardner, 5; William Nichols, 6; Geo. M.Folsom, 7.

Mr. Morse stated that he was not a candidate.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to a fifth ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of ballots to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1. Godfrey Morse had 1; John E. Fitzgerald, 1; William Nichols, 4; Geo. W. Gardner, 6; Geo. M. Folsom, 9.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to a sixth ballot.

Geo. M. Folsom elected.

The committee reported the whole number of ballots to be 21; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1. William Nichols had 1; Geo. W. Gardner, 6; Geo. M. Folsom had 13, and was accordingly declared elected.

Color perception to be tested.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, it was

Voted, That permission be granted to Dr. B. Joy Jeffries to test the color perception of the pupils in the Grammar Schools at such time and place as may be convenient to the principals of said schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 28, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Hobbs, and Moran.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated that Mr. Hobbs had requested to be excused from further service on the Committee on the Annual Festival.

Resignation of Geo. M. Hobbs on Committee on Annual Festival.

The request was granted, and the Chair appointed Mr. Winship to fill the vacancy.

F. Lyman Winship appointed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations reported the following nominations: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Georgie Palmer, third assistant.

Gibson District. — Mary I. Roper, third assistant.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Emery, third assistant.

Lewis District. — Sarah H. Robbins, third assistant.

Lincoln District. — Lavinia B. Pendleton, third assistant.

Warren District. — Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teacher.

Lawrence District. — Clara M. Cushman, third assistant, from May 1, 1878.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dor.-Everett District. — Mary E. Ryder, fourth assistant, from June 1, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Ella F. Lanning, fourth assistant, from April 17, 1878.

Stoughton District. — Mary Tucker, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Nomination of Mary L. Charles.

On motion of Mr. Adams the name of Mary L. Charles, fourth assistant in the West Roxbury High School, reported at the previous meeting in the list of temporary teachers, was transferred to the list of teachers on probation, the misplacement resulting from a clerical error.

Transfer of Sarah A. Winsor.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Sarah A. Winsor from the position of fourth assistant in the Eliot District, to that of fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, the transfer to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Approved.

Change of rank of Albert F. Ring.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported that they have considered the request of the Committee on the Eighth Division, for the change of rank of Albert F. Ring, principal of the Hillside District, from the position of sub-master to that of master, in accordance with Sect. 226 of the Regulations as amended May 8, 1877, and recommend that such change be made to take effect June 1, 1877.

Accepted, and recommendation adopted.

Communication from Geo. M. Folsom.

The Chair read a letter of acceptance from Geo. M. Folsom (Supervisor elect), which was placed on file.

The Chair read a report from the Auditing Clerk, in compliance with a vote of the Board, May 14, stating the number of Drawing Books furnished each school during the last and the present school year.

Report of Auditing Clerk; number of Drawing Books furnished.

Placed on file.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the resignations of Harriet B. Luther, fourth assistant in the Dorchester High School, Sarah E. Waugh, fourth assistant in the Brighton High School, and R. Ella Cole, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Resignations of Harriet B. Luther, Sarah E. Waugh, R. Ella Cole.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred from the file of unfinished business of the Committee on Accounts, an order for the establishment of four additional Kindergarten Schools, reported that as the Statutes do not allow the establishment of Kindergarten Schools, the committee consider it inexpedient to legislate.

Reports of Committee on Supplies; additional Kindergarten Schools.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee to whom was referred, — May 14, — an order for furnishing Metric Apparatus to the Grammar Schools, reported that in their opinion it is desirable to supply such apparatus, and that they have taken measures to provide the same at an early date in the next school year.

Apparatus for Metric System.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order for the reimbursement of salary to Ellen L. Collins, during an absence from school caused by an injury accidentally received from one of her pupils, reported that in their opinion the passage of the order is inexpedient.

Report of Committee on Salaries; reimbursement of salary to Ellen L. Collins.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Number of special instructors in Drawing.

Ordered, That the number of special instructors in Drawing nominated to the Board for confirmation at the next election, by the Drawing Committee, for the ensuing year be limited to five.

Mr. Finney moved to amend by substituting *three* for *five*.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the subject was laid on the table.

Reports of Committee on Salaries; compensation to Mary E. T. Shine.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order for the payment of $61.87 to Mary E. T. Shine, for services as temporary teacher in the Lawrence District, from December 15, 1877, to February 11, 1878, reported that the order ought to pass, she having served as temporary teacher in that district during the specified time.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Maximum salaries to Emma F. Colomy and Mary L. Desmond.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom were referred orders for the payment of maximum salaries to Emma F. Colomy, third assistant in the Quincy District, and Mary L. Desmond, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, reported that, in consideration of the fact that these teachers, while receiving the maximum salaries of their grades, were dropped on account of decrease in numbers and reappointed soon after, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the names of Emma F. Colomy and Mary L. Desmond be placed on the list of teachers who have been uninterruptedly in the service of the city for three or more years, to date respectively February 12, 1878, and December 1, 1877.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Maximum salary to Leroy F. Griffin.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order for payment of the maximum salary to Leroy F. Griffin, usher in the Charlestown High School,

reported that, after careful consideration of the subject, the committee do not deem the fact that Mr. Griffin's temporary and probation service of about nine months in the Latin School is a reasonable claim for the payment of the maximum salary; they are therefore of the opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Maximum salary to Lavinia B. Pendleton.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order for payment of the maximum salary to Lavinia B. Pendleton, third assistant in the Lincoln District, reported that in the judgment of the committee the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the name of Lavinia B. Pendleton be placed on the list of those teachers who have been uninterruptedly in the service of the city for three or more years, to date Feb. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Resignation of Adah E. Smith.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the resignation of Adah E. Smith, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Appointment of M. A. Willis, sewing teacher.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the name of M. A. Willis, for appointment as sewing teacher in the schools of the Ninth Division, from Sept. 1, 1877.

Accepted, and the appointment confirmed.

Report of Committee on Salaries, salaries of non-resident teachers.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, who were instructed — April 23 — to consider the expediency of providing for a reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of non-resident teachers, reported the present number of teachers residing out of the city to be 108; 13 of this number are masters of High and Grammar Schools, 19 sub-masters, 12 ushers,— amounting in all to 44 male

teachers, or over 40 per cent. of the entire number. The aggregate amount of salary paid to non-resident teachers is $157,206,— a 10 per cent. reduction would at the present rates be an annual saving to the city of $15,720. Many of these teachers made their homes out of Boston when the city was narrow in its limits, and there are, at present, reasons which would make it a hardship for them to remove to the city. This cannot, however, be said for all of them, and the committee feel now that Boston includes within its boundaries a large proportion of country and village, with every inducement for residence within its territory that can be found in any suburban place, that all new appointees should understand that the School Board expects them to reside within the city limits. Especially does this committee deprecate the non-residence of those teachers whose schools are located in the most favored portions of the city; here, in their opinion, every inducement is offered for teachers to reside in the neighborhood of their work.

In view of all the circumstances, the committee deem it inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Special assignment; Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; consolidation of special committees.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the further consideration of Document 7, specially assigned to this meeting, was entered upon.

On motion of Miss May, the third recommendation was stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the fourth recommendation was amended by striking out the word "school" by a vote of 12 to 7.

The recommendations were accepted as amended.

Rules amended.

Order No. 1 amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines the following words: "also, by striking from line 12, the words 'on sewing, five.'"

Passed.

Order No. 2 was amended, on motion of Mr. Finney, by striking out in the third line from the top of page 4, the words, "examine the pupils in the same, as far as practicable, and shall."

Passed.

Order No. 3, after considerable discussion, was amended, on motion of Mr. Morse, by inserting "in the High Schools" after the word "given" in the first line.

On motion of Mr. Thayer it was further amended by inserting "under the charge of a special drill officer" after the word "schools," as amended; the order to read as follows: —

"Instruction in Military Drill shall be given in the High Schools, under the charge of a special Drill Officer, to all boys of good physical condition, who are thirteen years old or more. The time occupied in drill shall not exceed two hours in each week."

Passed.

Order No. 4 was stricken out.

Order No. 5 passed.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Military Drill, it was

Dates of Annual Prize Drills.

Voted, That the Annual Prize Drills of the School Regiments take place on the 13th and 14th of June next.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; regulations of evening schools.

Ordered, That Section 319 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by adding the following: "But no evening school shall be established with less than forty pupils, and any evening school may be discontinued when the average monthly attendance shall fall below forty pupils."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Discharge of janitor.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, reported the discharge of the janitor of the Mather building, Lawrence District, for cause.

Accepted.

Reconsideration; resignation of Isabel M. Kelren.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the vote of May 14, accepting the resignation of Isabel M. Kelren, to take effect April 15, was reconsidered, and the resignation of the said Miss Kelren was accepted, to take effect May 1, 1878.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; organization of High Schools; rules amended.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order — April 9 — to consider the expediency of revising Section 246, reported the following, in conclusion to the partial report of May 14: —

The principal objection urged against the section under consideration relates to the provisions of the fifth article thereof; wherein the rank and salary of certain of the instructors are made to depend upon the average whole number of pupils attending the several High Schools for the current school year.

In the large schools for boys in the city proper, in which only male instructors are employed, and in which the conditions are substantially the same, the committee found no great difficulty, aided by the suggestions of a considerable number of the teachers interested, in applying a remedy for what they could not but admit was a positive evil; and the Board have adopted the amendment proposed, making the rank, and consequently the salary, of the several subordinate male instructors depend upon the length of the term of service.

This committee desired to apply the same principle to the preceding schedule in the same article, relating to the rank and salary of the female instructors in the High Schools; but as these teachers are employed, not only in the one large High School for girls, but also in the five High Schools for girls and boys, whose numbers and conditions are very unequal, it was found to be impracticable to do so. While it may be poetic justice that the lady who has taught twenty years in a High School with fifty-six pupils should receive the highest rank and salary, such an apportionment of teaching and administrative

ability is hardly consistent with the economical management of the schools. In the schedule the higher ranks of instructors are apportioned in accordance with the numbers in the schools; and the larger schools need more of the higher ranks than the smaller ones. This committee, therefore, consider it inexpedient to alter the schedule.

But, while this committee regard it as inexpedient to make the rank of the female instructors depend entirely upon the length of the term of service, they believe that this element of successful experience should more largely regulate the salary, within the several ranks, than at the present time. They therefore submit an amendment to the regulations, recommending its adoption, and offer an order, respectfully requesting its reference to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by adding the following to Article 4, Section 246: —

The salaries of instructors of the several ranks of this grade, except that of assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service.

The committee in charge of any High School may recommend, and the Committee on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate a first, second, third, or fourth assistant, whose term of service shall begin with the salary of any year after the first in the series of five years; and the salary of such instructor, if the nomination be confirmed by the Board, shall be annually increased in the same manner as if the candidate had served during the preceding years of such term.

Ordered, That the salaries of the first, second, third, and fourth assistants of the third grade be, respectively, ——, ——, ——, and —— dollars for the first year of service, with an annual increase of —— dollars during the succeeding five years; and the maximum rate of, respectively ——, ——, ——, and —— dollars, thus reached, shall be the salary for the sixth and each subsequent year of service.

Accepted.

The first order passed; the second order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Resignation of Geo. B. Hyde.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the resignation of Geo. B. Hyde, Principal of the Everett District, to take effect August 31, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, submitted the following: —

Resolution on service of Geo. B. Hyde.

"The Committee on the Fifth Division, in presenting the resignation of Master Hyde, offer the following resolution: —

"*Resolved*, That the School Committee of the City of Boston, recognizing the faithful and successful labors of Geo. B. Hyde, who for thirty-four years was principal of the Dwight and Everett Schools, desire to place on record their appreciation of the fidelity with which Mr. Hyde performed his duties, and attest to the success which has crowned his persevering labors."

Passed.

Resignation of Almira S. Johnson.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Almira S. Johnson, third assistant in the Everett District, to take effect September 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; regulations of Normal School.

Ordered, That the regulations be amended by inserting a new clause at the end of Section 277, to this effect: "No pupil who has attended the Normal School for more than half a school year shall be permitted to return a second year without special permission from the committee in charge," and by adding a new section as follows: Sect. —. "The committee in charge shall canvass the list of pupils in the school at the end of three months from the beginning of the school year, and again at the end of five months, and shall remove from the school those pupils who have not maintained a satisfactory rank."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Industrial Education, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of a class in industrial training, during the next school year. Class in Industrial Training.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Voted, That the Board of Supervisors be excused, the present year, from the examination of the graduating classes of the High Schools. Supervisors' examination High Schools.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams it was

Voted, That the Committee on Nominations be authorized to report, in print, the nominations for reëlection of instructors for the next school year. Com. on Nominations to report in print.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Voted, That leave of absence, for the remainder of the school year, be granted to Harriet E. Davenport, second assistant in the Boys' Dudley District. Leave of absence to Harriet E. Davenport, Substitute.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported the name of Myron T. Pritchard as a substitute for longer than one month, in the Comins District.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Voted, That the City Council be requested to substitute a tablet bearing the name of "Emerson," in place of "Prescott" on the Emerson School building. Emerson School tablet.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Eliza M. Evert, of the Bowditch District, for extra services during the present school year. Compensation Eliza M. Evert.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Maximum salary to Georgie Palmer.

Ordered, That Georgie Palmer, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be allowed the maximum salary of that grade, in consideration of four years' consecutive service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Morse offered the following: —

Service of Joshua M. Dill.

Ordered, That Joshua M. Dill be placed upon his second year's service in the grade of sub-master, to date from April 1, 1878.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was

Alterations, Secretary's room.

Voted, That the Committee on School Houses be requested, with full powers, to consider the expediency of enlarging the Secretary's room in Mason-street building, by extending it, on the northern side, over the space now occupied by the yard.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; salaries of teachers formerly in the service.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by the substitution of the following for Section 89: —

"Instructors, after retiring from the service of the Board, shall, when rëelected, be regarded as new teachers; but any such newly-elected instructor who has not been out of the service more than three years may, upon the report of the Committee on Salaries, be put by the Board upon the advanced salary to which any previous term of service may entitle the incumbent."

Salaries of teachers reduced; and of teachers restored to original rank.

Ordered, That Section 226, Article 3, and Section 246, Article 3, be each amended, by the addition, after the period following the word "month" at the present ending of these articles, of the following: —

"When the rank of any instructor is reduced by the

operation of this regulation, such instructor shall receive the maximum salary of the lower rank; but when the rank of any instructor so reduced is increased, in like manner, the salary shall be that to which any previous term of service in the same or any higher rank, or in both, shall entitle the incumbent."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the several Sections of Chapter XV., mentioned below, be amended as follows: —

Amendment proposed; organization of Primary Schools.

SECTION 216. — Strike out the words, "subject to the provision of Section 43;" and also the clause, "the teachers of the Primary Schools shall be designated as fourth assistants." Add a new section, numbered 217, as follows: —

SECT. 217. — The teachers of the Primary Schools shall be fourth assistants. The salary of the fourth assistants shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The committee in charge may recommend and the Committee on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate a fourth assistant, whose term of service shall begin with the salary of any year after the first in the series of five years; and the salary of such instructor shall annually be increased in the same manner as if the candidate had served during the preceeding years of such term.

Sections 217 and 218 as printed, to be numbered, respectively, 218 and 219.

Ordered, That the several articles of Section 226 be amended as follows: —

Amendment proposed; organization of

Grammar Schools.

1. After a comma to be placed after "average whole number," in the third line, insert "and in ascertaining the number of subordinate teachers of all ranks, the greatest whole number belonging at any one time."

2. The instructors of the Grammar Schools shall be masters, sub-masters, second sub-masters, and first, second, and third assistants. The salaries of the several ranks of instructors of the second and fourth grades shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The committee in charge may recommend, and the Committee on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate an instructor of any such ranks, whose term of service shall begin with the salary of any year after the first in a series of five years; and the salary of any such instructor, if the nomination be confirmed, shall be annually increased in the same manner as if the candidate had served during the preceding years of such term.

3. Same as the present Article 2, as before amended.

4. Same as the present Article 3, as before amended.

5. Same as the present Article 4.

The present Article 5 is incorporated in Article 2. 6 and 7 same as at present.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Petition from first assistants with lower salaries.

Mr. Finney presented a petition for increase of salary, from first assistants with lower salaries in Grammar Schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

School sessions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to take measures to ascertain and report

to the Board, as soon as practicable, whether the present arrangement of school sessions is better for the schools and teachers than the former, or not, and whether it is more acceptable to the parents.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of a revision of Chapter XIX. of the Regulations.

Amendment proposed; regulations Normal Schools.

Mr. Collar gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he should request of the Superintendent his opinion of the expediency of relieving the Grammar masters of any of their present duties in relation to the Primary Schools under their charge.

Opinion of Superintendent.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Kindergarten School be discontinued on and after the close of the present school year.

Kindergarten School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Ordered, That in Section 161, beginning on the fourth line, page 35, the words after "instruction" to the close of the period be stricken out.

Amendment proposed; duties of principals.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Flint offered the following resolutions: —

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove by death an honored member of this Board; therefore

Resolutions on death of Ezra Palmer.

Resolved, That the members of the School Committee have heard with deep regret of the decease of Dr. Ezra Palmer, for thirty-three years connected with the educational interests of this city, as an active and useful member of this Board; one who was prompt and earnest in the performance of every duty, while he was firm and decided in

the administration of the trust so long reposed in him by his constituency.

Resolved, That this Board tender to those with whom our departed associate was connected in the closer relations of home, its sincere sympathies in the great loss they have sustained, and that its members, as they review their relations with the deceased in the past, will join with his more intimate friends in cherishing his memory as an honest and upright man, who, knowing his duty, had the courage and the resolution to discharge it.

Ordered, That this preamble and these resolutions be inscribed upon the records of the Board, and a copy thereof be sent to the family of which the deceased was a member.

Passed unanimously, by a standing vote.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, it was

Vacancy; convention proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the death of Dr. Ezra Palmer, and proposing that a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at 7.30 P.M. on the 11th day of June, 1878, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair appointed Mr. Thayer to serve on the Committee on Elections, and Mr. W. T. Adams to serve on the Committee on Salaries, in place of Mr. Palmer, deceased

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the Board adjourned at half-past ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 11, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake, Hayes, Hobbs, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to form a convention with this Board, on this day, and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this committee caused by the death of Ezra Palmer, and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

Concurrence of Board of Aldermen; convention held.

IN CONVENTION.

His Honor the Mayor presiding.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Elections, submitted the names of Charles Hutchins and Lucretia P. Hale as candidates to fill the vacancy.

Report of Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the convention proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Alderman Slade and Messrs. Finney and Morse a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee reported the whole number of votes on each ballot, 32; necessary for a choice, under the statute, 19.

The following table shows the results of the several ballots: —

	1st ballot.	2d ballot.	3d ballot.	4th ballot.	5th ballot.
Lucretia P. Hale	10	11	12	11	8
Charles Hutchins	13	12	6	4	2
Thomas M. Brewer	6	9	14	17	22
Charles K. Dillaway	3	.....	.....	.....	.....

Thomas M. Brewer elected.

Thomas M. Brewer, on the fifth ballot, had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared to be elected a member of the School Committee for a term ending the second Monday in January, 1879.

The business of the convention having been acomplished, the two Boards separated.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Petition for reëlection of Adah E. Smith.

The Chair read petitions from some fifty-eight residents of West Roxbury praying for the reëlection of Adah E. Smith, in the Mount Vernon District.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of of teachers.

Rice Training School. — Ella C. Hutchins, third assistant.

Girls' High School. — Charlotte M. Gardner, fourth assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the following transfers: —

Transfers of Electa M. Porter, O. Augusta Welch, and Jennie R. Sheldon.

Gaston District. — Electa M. Porter, from the position of fourth assistant to that of third assistant in the same district, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Lowell District. — O. Augusta Welch, from the position of fourth assistant to that of third assistant in the same district, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Girls' Latin School. — Jennie R. Sheldon, from the position of fourth assistant in the West Roxbury High School to that of assistant in the Girls' Latin School, to take effect May 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the transfers approved.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the following: —

Change of rank of Albert F. Ring.

"The Committee on Nominations find, after investigation, that though the average whole number in the Hillside Grammar School, for the quarter preceding May 1, 1878, warrants a change in the rank of the principal, the average whole number for the year does not permit the nomination of the incumbent as a master for the next year. This committee deem it inexpedient to advance the rank simply for the month of June and the two succeeding months of vacation; and therefore recommend that the acceptance of the report May 28, 1878 (page 82 of the minutes), be reconsidered."

The report was accepted.

Reconsideration

The vote accepting the report of May 28 was reconsidered.

The request of the Committee on Nominations to withdraw the report of May 28 was granted.

Reëlection of principals.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the principals of the several High Schools and Grammar School Districts.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, laid on the table.

Reëlection of teachers.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, submitted in print a report, nominating for reëlection the subordinate teachers of the several High Schools and Grammar School Districts.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, laid on the table.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the following re-nominations on probation, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

ON PROBATION.

Re-nominations on probation.

West Roxbury High. — Mary L. Charles, fourth assistant.

Andrew District. — Alice P. Howard, fourth assistant.

Brimmer District. — Ella L. Burbank, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant.

Emerson District. — Mary A. Ford, first assistant (with lower salary), and Frances H. Turner, second assistant.

Hillside District. — Louise P. Arnold, third assistant, and E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant.

Lawrence District. — Clara M. Cushman, third assistant.

Minot District. — Katie S. Gunn, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Helen M. Coolidge, third assistant.

Quincy District. — Emma F. Colomy, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Harriet M. Burroughs, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Emeline E. Durgin and Ellen F. Jones, third assistants.

Winthrop District. — Emma E. Chase, third assistant.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the name of Emma E. Chase was stricken from the list.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the name of Ella Bradley was stricken from the list.

The report, as amended, was accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed — April 23 — to consider and report suitable regulations for the Girls' Latin School, submitted the following: — Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

REGULATIONS GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL.

CHAPTER 00.

SECTION 00. This school is established for the purpose of giving girls a thorough preparation for college. Regulations Girls' Latin School.

SECT. 00. The principal shall have graduated with distinction at some college of good standing. He shall have a first assistant, and as many other assistants as may be necessary, provided the whole number of teachers, exclusive of the principal, shall not exceed one for every thirty pupils.

SECT. 00. The school shall be organized in six classes, and the course of study shall be for six years.

SECT. 00. Candidates must be at least twelve years of age, and must each present a certificate of character from the principal of the school last attended, and a written statement from parents or guardians of their intention to give such candidate a collegiate education. They shall also pass a satisfactory examination at such time as the committee in charge shall direct.

SECT. 00. The requisites for admission to the sixth class shall be the same as, or equivalent to, the requisites for admission to the third class of the Grammar Schools.

SECT. 00. The Board of Supervisors shall examine the graduating class each year; and the standard of exam-

ination shall be that of admission to colleges of the highest grade. Pupils who have completed the course of study to the satisfaction of the Committee on Examinations shall be entitled to a diploma.

SECT. 00. This school shall be exempt from the operation of Sections 141, 248, 249, 250, 253, and 254.

Accepted, and the Regulations adopted.

Out-of-school lessons.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee to whom was referred an order for the amendment of Section 230, so as to provide that no lessons to be learned out of school shall be required of any pupil in the Grammar Schools under the first class, reported that while the committee deprecate undue pressure upon the pupils, they are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Accepted.

Salaries of teachers formerly in the service; of teachers reduced and of teachers restored to original rank.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom were referred orders [page 92, Minutes, May 28] for amendments to Sections 89, 226, Art. 3, and 246, Art. 3, reported, after careful consideration, that the orders ought to pass with the following amendments; first, to substitute the word "Board" for the word "month"; second, to substitute the word "may" for the word "shall" before the word "entitle."

On motion of Mr. Learnard, laid on the table.

Regulations of evening schools.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee to whom was referred — May 28 — an order for the amendment of Section 319 reported, that in the judgment of the committee the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 319 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following: "But no evening school shall be established with less than forty pupils, and any evening school may be discontinued where the average monthly attendance shall fall below thirty pupils."

Mr. Morse moved an amendment by substituting the word "shall" for the word "may" before the words "be discontinued."

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, to whom were referred several orders [pages 93 and 94 of the Minutes] for the amendment of Sections 216, 217, 218, 219, and 226; reported at length on the several subjects, reccommending the passage of the orders. Rules amended. Organization of Primary and Grammar Schools.

Mr. Porter moved to lay on the table.

Lost.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Morse called for a division of the question.

The amendment to Section 216 passed. Rules amended.

The amendment to Sect. 217 was then considered.

Mr. Porter moved to substitute the word "four" for the word "five" in the fifth and eleventh lines of the proposed section, and to substitute the word "fifth" for the word "sixth" in the sixth line.

Miss May moved to amend by adding: "Provided that this article shall not reduce the salary of any teacher in service on June 11, 1878, who may be reëlected for the year to come; but no such teacher shall receive any increase of salary until she shall be entitled to the same by length of term of service as herein prescribed."

Mr. Porter's amendment was lost.

Miss May's amendment passed.

Mr. Porter called for the yeas and nays on the passage of Section 217 as amended.

Passed, by a vote of 13 to 5.

Section 217 passed as amended. Rules amended.

Yeas: Messrs. Warren P. Adams, William T. Adams, Bowditch, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Finney, Fletcher, Yeas and nays.

Flint, Miss May, Messrs. Moran, Morse, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Perkins and Thayer.

Nays: Messrs. Porter, Plummer, and Winship.

The amendments to Section 226 were then considered.

Mr. Collar moved that the following be substituted for the section as reported by the committee: —

Ordered, That all male instructors in the Grammar Schools who are not principals shall be sub-masters and junior sub-masters. Such instructors who have been employed ten years or more as regular teachers in the Grammar Schools of this city shall be sub-masters; and those who have been so employed less than ten years shall be junior sub-masters. The committee in charge of any Grammar School may recommend and the Committee on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate, a junior sub-master, whose term of service shall begin with the rank and salary of any year after the first in the series constituting the term of a junior sub-master, and the salary of such instructor, if his nomination be confirmed by the Board, shall be annually increased in the same manner as if he had served during the preceding years of such term.

Lost.

Mr. Morse moved to amend Section 226 as reported, by the addition of the amendment offered by Miss May, and adopted as a conclusion to Section 217.

Mr. Finney moved the previous question.

Passed.

Rules amended.

The several articles of Section 226 passed as amended.

'Usher;" change of name.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, who were instructed — April 23 — to consider the expediency of changing the name "usher" to some more appropriate title, reported that legislation is unnecessary by the proposed amendments

to Sections 226 and 246, which provide for the desired change.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a sufficient number of copies of the rules of the School Committee and regulations of the public schools, including all amendments to the close of the present school year, be printed for the use of the Board and of the schools.

Rules and Regulations; copies of.

Read, and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Ordered, That the examination for admission to the Girls' Latin School be held on Saturday, the 22d instant, at the building of the Girls' High School, on West Newton street; and those for admission to the several High Schools at their respective buildings, on the first Monday and Tuesday of September.

Examinations for Girls' Latin School, and High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, the following dates, agreed upon by them for the various exhibitions of the High Schools, were approved by the Board: —

High Schools; dates of exhibitions.

Girls' High. — Monday, June 24th, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

English High. — Tuesday, June 25th, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Roxbury High. — Tuesday, June 25th, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

West Roxbury High. — Wednesday, June 26th, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Charlestown High. — Thursday, June 27th, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Dorchester High. — Thursday, June 27th, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Brighton High. — Thursday, June 27th, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Jennie R. Sheldon.

Ordered, That the salary of Jennie R. Sheldon, assistant in the Latin School for girls, be fixed at $1,200.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Resignation of Daniel B. Hubbard.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented a communication from Daniel B. Hubbard, Principal of the Mather School, declining to be a candidate for reëlection to that position.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on School Houses; alterations in Eliot School building.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 14 — an order that the City Council be requested to made such alterations in the Eliot School building as are necessary to provide an office on the first floor for the master, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommitted an order for the payment of the maximum salary of sub-master to Artemas Wiswall, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Maximum salary to Artemas Wiswall.

Ordered, That the name of Artemas Wiswall be placed on the list of those sub-masters who have been uninterruptedly in the service of the city for two or more years to date, Jan. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom were referred orders for payment of the maximum salary to Mary A. Emery, O. Augusta Welch, and Georgie Palmer, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the name of Mary A. Emery be placed on the list of those teachers who have been uninterruptedly in the service of the city for three or more years to date, Feb. 18, 1878. Maximum salary to Mary A. Emery.

Ordered, That the name of O. Augusta Welch be placed on the list of those teachers who have been uninterruptedly in the service of the city for three or more years to date, Oct. 4, 1877. Maximum salary to O. Augusta Welch.

Ordered, That the name of Georgie Palmer be placed on the list of those teachers who have been uninterruptedly in the service of the city for three or more years to date, December 27, 1877. Maximum salary to Georgie Palmer.

Accepted, and the several orders passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order for the payment of forty-two dollars to Eliza M. Evert, third assistant in the Bowditch District, for extra services during the present school year, reported that the order ought to pass. Compensation to Eliza M. Evert.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text-Books, requested further time in which to prepare the annual report of that committee. Committee on Text-Books granted further time

Granted.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was

Voted, That the Committee on Text-Books have leave to report in print. Committee on Text-Books to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Voted, That when the Board adjourn, it be to Tuesday, June 18, at half-past seven o'clock. Adjournment.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on Kindergarten Schools, reported the resignation of Helen E. Hawkins, assistant in the Kindergarten School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878. Resignation of Helen E. Hawkins.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Holiday.

Voted, unanimously, that the public schools be closed on Monday next, June 17th.

Petition: Evening Drawing School, West Roxbury.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, presented a petition from 137 citizens of West Roxbury, praying for a change of location of the West Roxbury Evening Drawing School, and accompanied it by the following order: —

Ordered, That the Free Evening Drawing School, hitherto opened at Jamaica Plain during the winter, be transferred to Roslindale, and that rooms for its accommodation be provided in the Charles Sumner School-house.

The petition and order were read and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Number of special instructors in drawing.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the subject of the number of special instructors in drawing was taken from the table.

Mr. Finney, by permission of the Board, withdrew his amendment to the order offered by Mr. Perkins at the last meeting.

Mr. Perkins asked permission to withdraw his order presented at the last meeting, limiting the number of special instructors in drawing to *five*.

Granted, and the order was withdrawn.

Mr. Perkins then offered the following: —

Majority report of Committee on Drawing.

Ordered, That the number of special instructors in drawing, nominated to the Board for confirmation, at the next election by the Drawing Committee, be limited to *three*.

Minority report of Committee on Drawing.

Mr. Cutter submitted a minority report of the Committee on Drawing, signed by Abram E. Cutter, advocating the advisability of but *two* special instructors beside the Director of Drawing.

Mr. Finney moved the substitution of the minority report for the majority report.

Mr. Cutter requested the opinion of the Superintendent in regard to the number of instructors necessary. Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent replied that in his opinion the course pursued by the Committee on Drawing in the reduction of the number of special instructors was in the right direction.

Mr. Finney offered an amendment to the minority report, as follows: —

Ordered, That so much of water-color and landscape painting as requires the time of a special teacher in the advanced class in the Girls' High School be discontinued.

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Cutter.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to amend the minority report by striking out the names of the teachers, and the work designated for each.

Passed.

Mr. Cutter, by permission, withdrew the second order in his report.

Mr. Finney's motion for substitution of the minority report for the majority report was lost.

Mr. Finney moved to amend the majority report by the addition of the following order: —

Ordered, That so much of water-color and landscape painting as requires the time of a special teacher in the advanced class in the Girls' High School be discontinued.

Passed.

The order containing the majority report, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Morse presented petitions, signed by some seven hundred female instructors in the public schools, praying that no further reduction be made in their salaries. Petitions: reduction of salaries.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be requested Drawing lessons in High Schools.

to ascertain if other than the regular pupils are permitted to attend lessons in drawing at any High School in the city.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board adjourned at five minutes after eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 18, 1878.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor and Messrs. Blake, Flint, Hayes, and Hobbs.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the minutes of May 28 were with unanimous consent amended by substituting the words, "such an assignment of rank and salary," for the words, "such an apportionment of teaching and administrative ability," in the last line on page 88. Minutes amended.

The Chair read the credentials of Thomas M. Brewer, as a member-elect of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year. Credentials of Thomas M. Brewer.

Referred to the Committee on Elections, with full powers.

The member appeared and took his seat.

The credentials were subsequently examined and found to be in proper form.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Lawrence District. — Mary E. T. Shine, fourth assistant. Accepted, and the nomination confirmed. Confirmation of teachers.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Allston District. — Catherine J. Finneran, third assistant, from May 4, 1878.

Bowdoin District. — Nellie B. Tucker, third assistant, from June 1, 1878.

Brimmer District. — Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant, from May 1, 1878.

Frothingham District. — Abby L. Hapgood, fourth assistant, from April 22, 1878.

Accepted.

Reëlection of Principals.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the nomination for reëlection of Principals for High and Grammar Schools, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the doors were closed, and the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Brewer, and Porter, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 19; necessary for a choice, 13.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Normal School	Larkin Dunton, Head Master	had	19.
Rice Training School	Lucius A. Wheelock, Master	"	19.
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill, Head Master	"	19.
English High "	Edwin P. Seaver " "	"	19.
Girls' " "	Homer B. Sprague, " "	"	17.
Girls' Latin "	John Tetlow, Master	"	18.
Roxbury High "	S. M. Weston, Head Master	"	19.
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith, Master	"	19.
Charlestown High "	Caleb Emery, Head Master	"	19.
West Roxbury " "	Edward W. Howe, Master	"	18.
Brighton " "	Benjamin Wormelle, "	"	18.

FIRST DIVISION.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble,	Master	had 19.
Chapman "	George R. Marble,	"	" 17.
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton,	"	" 19.
Lyman "	Hosea H. Lincoln,	"	" 19.

SECOND DIVISION.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bullock,	Master	had 19.
Frothingham "	Caleb Murdock,	"	" 18.
Harvard "	W. E. Eaton,	"	" 18.
Prescott "	George T. Littlefield,	"	" 18.
Warren "	George Swan,	"	" 18.

THIRD DIVISION.

Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown,	Master	had 18.
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington,	"	" 19.
Hancock "	James W. Webster,	"	" 19.
Phillips "	Samuel Swan,	"	" 19.
Wells "	Robert C. Metcalf,	"	" 19.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Bowditch School	Alfred Hewins,	Master	had 17.
Brimmer "	E. Bentley Young,	"	" 19.
Quincy "	E. Frank Wood,	"	" 18.
Winthrop "	Robert Swan,	"	" 19.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Dwight School	James A. Page,	Master	had 19.
Everett "	Alfred Hewins,	"	" 2.
" "	Edward Southworth	"	" 1.
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam,	"	" 16.
Sherwin "	Silas C. Stone,	"	" 13.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Andrew School	Leander Waterman,	Master	had 19.
Bigelow "	Thomas H. Barnes,	"	" 19.
Gaston "	C. Goodwin Clark	"	" 16.
Lawrence "	Amos M. Leonard,	"	" 19.
Lincoln "	Alonzo G. Ham,	"	" 19.
Norcross "	Josiah A. Stearns,	"	" 19.
Shurtleff "	Henry C. Hardon,	"	" 19.

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Comins School	Charles W. Hill,	Master	had 19.
Dearborn "	William H. Long,	"	" 17.
Dudley (Boys) School	Leverett M. Chase,	"	" 16
" (Girls) "	Sarah J. Baker,	"	" 17.
Lewis School	Wm. L. P. Boardman,	"	" 18.
Lowell "	Daniel W. Jones,	"	" 19.

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Allston School	G. W. M. Hall,	Master	had 19.
Bennett "	E. H. Hammond,	Sub-Master,	" 19.
Central "	John T. Gibson,	Master,	" 19.
Charles Sumner School	Artemas Wiswall,	Sub-Master,	" 18.
Hillside School	Albert F. Ring,	"	" 19.
Mt. Vernon School	Abner J. Nutter,	Usher	" 19.

NINTH DIVISION.

Everett (Dor.) School	Henry B. Miner,	Master	had 19.
Gibson School	Wm. E. Endicott,	Sub-Master,	" 19.
Harris "	Edwin T. Horne,	"	" 19.
" "	Alfred Hewins,	Master	" 1.
Mather "	Edward Southworth,	Master	" 1.
Minot "	Jos. T. Ward, Jr.,	Sub-Master,	" 19.
Stoughton School	Edward M. Lancaster,	"	" 17.
Tileston "	Hiram M. George,	First Asst.,	" 19.

Resignation of Augusta R. Curtis.

Miss May, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the resignation of Augusta R. Curtis, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Resignation of Helen C. Steele.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the resignation of Helen C. Steele, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Resignation of Martha A. Palmer.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the resignation of Martha A. Palmer, third

assistant in the Bowdoin District, to take effect June 1, 1878.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, Document 9 — the report of the Committee on Nomination on the nomination for reëlection of subordinate instructors in the High, Grammar, and Primary Schools — was taken from the table. Reëlection of subordinate teachers.

The report was accepted, and the subordinate instructors were reëlected for the next school year.

The Chair appointed Thomas M. Brewer to fill the vacancy in each of the following committees: Deaf Mutes, Text-Books, Third Division, Fourth Division. Vacancies in committees filled.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the doors were thrown open.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, May 28, an order for the amendment of Section 161, reported at length on the subject, and recommended the passage of the following order: — Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations: duties of Principals.

Ordered, That Section 161 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the words, "the boys and girls of the graduating classes shall be taught in the same division," and inserting "this instruction shall be given to the boys and girls at the same time." So that the sentence will read: "They shall have the special charge of the graduating classes, giving an average of at least two hours a day to their instruction; and in mixed schools this instruction shall be given to the boys and girls at the same time."

Accepted, and the order passed. Rules amended.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee who were instructed, May 28, to take measures to ascertain and report to the Present arrangement of school sessions.

Board whether the present arrangement of school sessions is better for the schools and teachers than the former or not, and whether it is more acceptable to the parents, reported that a circular having been sent to the principals of the Grammar Schools, requesting the above information, responses were received from 46 principals, as follows: 26 report in favor of the new system in all respects; 6 in favor of the old; 7 that the old system is better for Primary Schools; 2 that the old plan is better for the schools and preferred by some of the teachers and parents.

As the committee were not requested to present any opinion of their own on the subject, they furnish the above information only.

Accepted.

Salaries of teachers formerly in service; of teachers restored to original rank. Rules amended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on amendments to Sections 89, 226, Art. 3, and 246, Art. 3, was taken from the table.

Accepted, and the amendments adopted.

Substitute.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the name of Ida H. Adams as a substitute for longer than one month in the Hillside District.

Approved.

Report of Com. on Ninth Division; petition for Grammar accommodations, Gibson District.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred a petition from James F. Cook and twenty-eight others, asking that "provision be made for the accommodation of the lower class of the Grammar School in the building on Thetford avenue," reported at length on the subject, and recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That scholars entitled to promotion from the Primary School in the Thetford-avenue school-house be allowed to remain in that school from Sept. 1, next, to April 1, next following.

Accepted and the order passed.

Miss May, for the Committee on High Schools, read the following communication: — Communication from Lucretia Crocker.

MASON STREET, June 7, 1878.

Hon. CHARLES L. FLINT, *Chairman of Committee on High Schools:* —

DEAR SIR, — At your request, I report in writing the verbal statement made to you recently, in regard to aid received from friends interested in the study of zoölogy in our High Schools.

During the winter, Prof. Hyatt has superintended a course of Saturday lessons for teachers, in the laboratory of the Natural History Society, giving his services, and accepting only a sum sufficient to cover the actual expense of laboratory work.

Beside the two hours of regular instruction, Mr. Van Vleck, one of his assistants, has given aid through the day to those teachers who could remain for extra study; and he has also collected many specimens for use in the schools.

In this connection you will be glad to hear that two Grammar-School teachers, who sought entrance to the class, have been among its most interested members, giving nearly the whole of every Saturday to laboratory work.

The lessons were suspended at the end of May, to be resumed in October.

Professor Alexander Agassiz and Mr. Pourtales have given, from the Cambridge Museum, a collection of corals and echinoderms sufficient to supply all the High Schools with materials for the study of those types.

Mr. B. Pickman Mann has offered a good collection of insects for each school, and gifts of other specimens have been received.

For the purchase of reference-books, supplementary to those provided by the city, Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw has sent a check for five hundred dollars, desiring to promote in this way the pursuit of her father's favorite science.

And Prof. Agassiz has further expressed his interest, by offering, during the summer vacation, places in his laboratory at Newport "to two lady teachers, interested in and likely to teach zoölogy." Two of our teachers will go for the month of July, to be succeeded by two others for the month of August.

This is a very pleasant report to make, and I am happy to add that the classes formed in the schools in April have entered upon the study with much interest and enthusiasm.

Very respectfully,

L. CROCKER.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Voted, That the communication be entered upon the records of the Board, and that a vote of thanks be passed for the generous interest of the donors.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Compensation to Abby L. Hapgood.

Ordered, That Abby L. Hapgood be paid for services rendered as fourth assistant in the Frothingham District, from Oct. 8, 1877, to Oct. 22, 1877.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, it was

Improved pavement, Wall street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the substitution of a wooden or macadamized for the present stone pavement in front of the Wall-street Primary School.

Resignation of Lucy H. Garlin.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Music, reported the resignation of Lucy H. Garlin, Special Instructor of Music, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Salary of Emma C. Olmstead.

Ordered, That the second year's salary be paid to Emma C. Olmstead, fourth assistant in the Prescott District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Adjournment.

Voted, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday next at half-past seven o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 25, 1878.

A regular and adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor and Messrs. Blake and Hobbs.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

ON PROBATION.

Latin School. — Byron Groce, Junior-Master, from Sept. 4, 1878. Nomination of teachers.

Girls' High. — Julia A. Jellison and Sarah L. Miner, fourth assistants, from Sept. 4, 1878.

Brighton High. — Marian A. Hawes, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1878.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Emerson District. — Ida E. Halliday, fourth assistant, from May 4, 1878. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Hattie A. Watson, from the position of third assistant in the Bigelow District to that of first assistant in the Andrew District, to take effect Sept. 2, 1878. Transfer of Hattie A. Watson.

Approved.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported at length upon the various orders, referred Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations;

regulations of Normal School.

May 28, concerning a revision of Section XIX., which, on motion of Mr. Thayer, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. (Doc. 13, 1878.)

Reëlection of Truant Officers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the Regulations, reported for reëlection the names of truant officers, as follows: —

Chase Cole, Chief; C. E. Turner, Geo. M. Felch, James Bragdon, A. M. Leavitt, Samuel McIntosh, E. F. Mecuen, Jeremiah M. Swett, James P. Leeds, Charles S. Woofindale, Sumner P. White, Warren J. Stokes, H. F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright.

Accepted, and the officers were reëlected.

Salaries of Truant Officers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the same committee, submitted a report recommending that the salaries of the Truant Officers be continued at the present rates for the ensuing school year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Lawrence School-house; repairs.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to repair the furniture and renew the floors in the Lawrence School building.

Read, and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses.

Reports of Com. on Salaries; salary of Jennie R. Sheldon.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order that the salary of Jennie R. Sheldon, assistant in the Girls' Latin School, be $1,200 per annum, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the salary of Jennie R. Sheldon, assistant in the Girls' Latin School, be that of a third assistant in High Schools, to date from May 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Emma C. Olmstead.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order to pay Emma C. Olmstead, fourth assist-

ant in the Prescott District, the second year's salary of that position, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the provisions of Section 281 of the Rules and Regulations, as existing prior to April 9, 1878, be allowed to cover the case of Emma C. Olmstead, fourth assistant in the Prescott District, from Sept. 3, 1877, to April 9, 1878, she being a graduate of the Charlestown High School prior to annexation.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Compensation to Abby L. Hapgood.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred an order to pay Abby L. Hapgood for services as fourth assistant in the Frothingham District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Abby L. Hapgood be paid, as temporary fourth assistant in the Frothingham District, from Oct. 8, 1877, to Oct. 22, 1877.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reëlection of Hobart Moore.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Military Drill, reported for reëlection the name of Hobert Moore, as instructor in Military Drill.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Morse, Winship, and Ryan a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 19.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Nahum Chapin had 1; Hobart Moore, 18, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

Schools for Licensed Minors;

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported for reëlection the following-named teachers: —

reëlection of teachers.

Sarah A. Brackett, N. Margin street; M. Persis Taylor, East-street place.

Accepted, and the teachers were reëlected.

Horace Mann School; reëlection of teachers.

Mr. Brewer, for the Committee on Schools for Deaf-Mutes, reported for reëlection the following list of teachers in the Horace Mann School: —

Sarah Fuller,	*Principal.*
Annie E. Bond,	*First Assistant.*
Ella C. Jordan,	*Assistant.*
Kate D. Williams,	"
Mary F. Bigelow,	"
Alice M. Jordan,	"
Mary N. Williams,	"
Manella G. White,	"

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Brewer, Perkins, and Thayer a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 22.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Sarah Fuller had 22, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

The subordinate teachers of the school were all reëlected.

Reëlection of sewing teachers.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, reported for reëlection the following list of sewing-teachers: —

Adams. — Lizzie Robbins.
Allston. — Sarah A. Stall.
Andrew. — Lizzie Kenna.
Bennett. — Sarah A. Stall.

Bowditch. — Eliza A. Baxter.
Bowdoin. — Catherine E. Bigelow.
Bunker Hill. — Julia A. Skilton.
Chapman. — Susan Cousens.
Charles Sumner. — Julia Z. Ridgeway.
Comins. — Delia Mansfield.
Dearborn. — Catherine G. Hosmer.
Dudley (girls). — Emma C. Waterhouse.
Emerson. — Susan Cousens.
Everett. — Martha A. Sargent.
Dorchester. — M. A. Willis, Catherine C. Nelson.
Franklin. — Elizabeth D. Cutter.
Frothingham. — E. A. Boyd.
Gaston. — Mary E. Patterson.
Hancock. — Kate Doherty.
Horace Mann. — Anna J. Goodwin.
Harvard. — E. A. Boyd.
Hillside. — Nellie J. Lincoln.
Lewis. — Malvina L. Sears.
Lowell. — Annie E. Brazer.
Lyman. — Frances C. Close.
Mt. Vernon. — Julia Z. Ridgeway.
Norcross. — Sarah J. Bliss.
Prescott. — E. A. Boyd, Julia A. Skilton.
Sherwin. — Maria L. Young.
Shurtleff. — Eliza M. Cleary.
Warren. — Julia A. Skilton.
Wells. — Frances E. Stevens.
Winthrop. — Isabella Cumming, Frances E. Stevens.

Accepted, and the teachers were reëlected.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the out-buildings adjoining the

Wells School-house: alterations.

Wells School to be removed, and replaced by others of a more suitable character.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Reëlection of drawing instructors.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, reported for reëlection the following list of drawing instructors: —

Walter Smith,	*Director.*
Henry Hitchings,	*Special Instructor.*
Lucas Baker,	" "
Mercy A. Bailey,	" "

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to ballot for a director.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Plummer, and Porter a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 22.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Blank, 1; Walter Smith had 21, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

The remaining teachers were reëlected.

Report of Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text Books, submitted the annual report of that committee. (Doc. 11, 1878.)

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the same was specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; petition for reëlection of Adah E. Smith.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom were referred — June 11, 1878 — petitions from residents of West Roxbury, praying for the reëlection of Adah E. Smith, as teacher in the Mt. Vernon District, reported that, after granting a public hearing to the petitioners and obtaining additional information from the Principal

of the District and the Board of Supervisors, the committee are of the opinion that there is no sufficient reason for reversing their action in declining to recommend Adah E. Smith for rëelection as teacher in the Centre-street Primary School. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on Kindergarten Schools, reported for rëelection for the ensuing year the following list of teachers in the school on Somerset street: —

Kindergarten School; reëlection of teachers.

Lucy H. Symonds, principal; Anne K. Brown, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers were rëelected.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations and the Fifth Division, reported the names of Edward Southworth and Alfred Hewins as candidates for the mastership of the Everett School.

Everett School; mastership.

On motion of W. T. Adams, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Flint, and Cutter a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 21.

Necessary to a choice, 13.

Edward Southworth had 6; Alfred Hewins 15, and was accordingly declared elected.

Alfred Hewins elected.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on Accounts (Document 10, 1878) be printed.

Copies on Report of Com. on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, it was

Grammar Schools; dates of exhibitions.

Ordered, That the several exhibitions of the Grammar Schools be held, this year, on June 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Report of Com. on Salaries; salaries of teachers.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, submitted the annual report of that committee, with orders appended. (Doc. 12, 1878.)

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the orders accompanying the report were laid on the table by a vote of 10 to 9.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Maximum salary of Lydia M. Simpson.

Ordered, That Lydia M. Simpson, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be placed on the maximum salary, to date from June 1, 1878.

Read and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Compensation to H. L. Todd.

Ordered, That H. L. Todd be paid for services rendered, as a temporary teacher, in the Harvard District, from Jan. 20 to Feb. 16, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

"Horace Mann School for the Deaf;" change of name.

Ordered, That the name of the "Horace Mann School for the Deaf" be changed to the "Horace Mann School."

On motion of Mr. Chapin, laid on the table.

Reëlection of music instructors.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Music, reported for reëlection the following list of music instructors: —

Julius Eichberg,	*Director.*
Joseph B. Sharland,	*Special Instructor.*
Henry E. Holt,	" "
Luther W. Mason,	" "
J. M. Mason,	" "

The Board proceeded to ballot for a director.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Collar, Adams, and Perkins a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 20.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Edward Southworth had 1; Godfrey Morse 1; Julius Eichberg 18, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

The remaining teachers were, under a division of the question asked for by Mr. Finney, reëlected, with the exception of Luther W. Mason.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Voted, That when this Board adjourn it be to July 2, at half-past seven o'clock. Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the order for the change in the name of the Horace Mann School was taken from the table and referred to the committee on that school. "Horace Mann School for the Deaf;" change of name.

The Chair read a communication from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, submitting the report of that Board, as required by Section 140 of the Rules and Regulations. Report of Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was received and ordered to be printed. (Doc. 14, 1878.)

On motion of Mr. Morse, the report of the Committee on Salaries was taken from the table and specially assigned to a quarter before eight o'clock at the next meeting of Board. Report of Committee on Salaries; special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 2, 1878.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor and Messrs. Blake and Hobbs.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

ON PROBATION.

Dudley (boys) District. — Mary I. Chamberlain, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1878. Nomination of Teachers.

Mather District. — Olive S. Boothby, first assistant, from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported, that upon finding, after investigation, that though the greatest whole number in the Andrew School, for the preceding year, warrants the appointment of an additional teacher, the average whole number does not permit the incumbent to receive the rank of first assistant, the committee recommend that the acceptance of that part of the report (June 25, 1878, page 119 of the Minutes) establishing the rank of first assistant for Hattie A. Watson be reconsidered, and that the rank of third assistant be substituted. Transfer of Hattie A. Watson; reconsideration.

The report was accepted. The vote establishing the rank as that of first assistant was reconsidered. The motion offered as a substitute fixing the rank as that of third assistant was accepted and the order passed.

Mather School mastership.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Nominations and the Ninth Division, charged with the duty of nominating candidates for the vacant mastership of the Mather School, reported the name of Edward Southworth; the joint committee having instructed the chairman to move a suspension of that part of the rule which requires the committee to "nominate two or more candidates."

Accepted, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the Board proceeded to ballot for a master for the Mather School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Hayes, and Plummer, a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots, 17.

Necessary to a choice, 13.

Edward Southworth elected.

Edward Southworth had 17, and was accordingly declared elected.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations; Vacation Schools.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred orders — March 12 — concerning certain changes in the Rules and Regulations to provide for the establishment of Vacation Schools, reported that as the appropriations of the School Board for the present year make no provision for these schools, and as the City Council has recently refused to make such additional appropriation, the committee deem it inexpedient to legislate on the referred orders.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 28 — an order for the discontinuance of the Kindergarten on Somerset street, reported [Mr. W. T. Adams dissenting] that while the committee believe in the utility of these schools, the impossibility of procuring appropriations for the purpose renders it useless to recommend their extension; they, however, deem it expedient that, under the existing circumstances, the present Kindergarten should be continued during the next school year, and are therefore of the opinion that the order ought not to pass. Kindergarten.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to substitute the original order for the report.

Lost.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the report of the Committee on Salaries, specially assigned to a quarter before eight o'clock, was considered. Report of Committee on salaries; salaries of teachers: special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the consideration of Doc. 11, — Report of the Committee on Text-Books, — specially assigned to eight o'clock, was postponed to nine o'clock. Report of Committee on Text-Books: special assignment.

After an explanation in detail, of the report of the Committee on Salaries,

Mr. Morse moved that Order No. 1 pass.

Mr. W. T. Adams called for the yeas and nays on its passage.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer moved to amend the first part of Order No. 1, by substituting $3,780 for $3,600, and the second part by substituting $156 for $144, and $3,000 for $2,880.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Text-Books was postponed to half-past nine o'clock. Report of Committee on Text-Books: special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Text-Books was further specially assigned to 10 o'clock.

The question being put on Mr. Thayer's amendment to the first part of Order No. 1, by substituting $3,780 for $3,600, it passed by a vote of 12 to 9.

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. W. P. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Flint, Hayes, Moran, Perkins, Thayer, and Winship, Misses May and Peabody.

Nays: Messrs. W. T. Adams, Chapin, Cutter, Finney, Fletcher, Morse, Porter, Plummer, Ryan.

The order as amended was then passed.

The second part of the order, as amended by Mr. Thayer, making the minimum salary $1,440; the annual increase, $156; and the maximum $3,000, then came up.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the vote for taking the yeas and nays on the passage of these orders was reconsidered, and the further taking of the yeas and nays was rejected.

Mr. Thayer's amendment to the second part of Order No. 1 was lost by a vote of 10 to 11.

The second part of Order No. 1 passed, as offered in the report.

Order No. 2 was next considered.

Mr. Thayer offered an amendment to the first part, keeping the minimum salary the same, making the annual increase $84 and the maximum salary $3,000.

Lost, by a vote of 10 to 11.

Miss May called for the previous question.

Passed.

Order No. 2, first part, passed as offered, by a vote of 11 to 10.

The second and third parts passed.

Order No. 3 was then considered.

Mr. Morse moved the adoption of the entire order.

Order No. 3, first part, passed as offered.

Miss May moved to amend the second part of Order No. 3, by fixing the minimum salary at $1,476, the annual increase at $36, and the maximum $1,656.

Lost.

The second, third, and fourth parts passed as offered.

Mr. Porter moved to amend the fifth part of the order by fixing the minimum salary of a fourth assistant at $900, the annual increase $36, and the maximum $1,080.

Mr. Thayer moved to amend by fixing the minimum at $804, the annual increase $36, and the maximum $984.

Passed, by a vote of 11 to 9.

The fifth part of the order as amended was lost, by a vote of 10 to 10.

The fifth part passed as offered in the report.

Mr. Morse, for the Commitee on Salaries, offered as an amendment to their report and as the sixth part of Order No. 3, the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the Principal of the Girls' Dudley School be $1,800 per annum.

Salary of principal of Girls' Dudley School.

Passed.

Order No. 4 was then considered.

Mr. Thayer offered an amendment to the first part, fixing the annual increase at $48, and the maximum salary, $1,140.

Mr. Porter moved to further amend, by limiting the salary proposed by Mr. Thayer, to first assistants, teaching in the master's class.

Mr. Thayer's amendment was lost, by a vote of 9 to 10.

Mr. Porter's amendment was lost, by a vote of 7 to 8.

Order No. 4, first and second parts passed, as offered in the report.

Mr. Porter moved to amend the third part, by substituting a minimum salary of $540; annual increase $36; maximum, $720.

Lost.

The third part passed as offered in the report.

Order No. 5 was then considered.

Mr. Porter moved to amend by striking out "over eleven divisions, $744" on the ground that it is inadvisable for one teacher to have charge of so many divisions.

Lost.

Order No. 5 passed as recommended.

Order No. 6 passed as recommended.

Mr. Moran moved to amend order No. 7, by fixing the salary of the Director of Music at $2,880.

Lost.

Order No. 7 passed as recommended.

Mr. Moran moved to amend Order No. 8, by fixing the salary of the Director of Drawing at $2,500.

Lost.

Orders Nos. 8 and 9 passed as recommended.

Mr. Flint moved to increase the salary in Order No. 10 by substituting $744 for $600.

Passed.

Order No. 10 passed as amended.

Orders Nos. 11, 12, 13, and 14 passed as recommended.

Mr. Bowditch moved to amend Order No. 15 by substituting $200 for $216 and $144, respectively.

Lost.

Mr. Bowditch moved to amend that principals of Grammar Schools of over five hundred pupils receive $120 additional pay.

Lost.

Order No. 15 passed as recommended.

Mr. Moran offered the following as a substitute for Order No. 16.

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors in the High and Latin Schools not entitled to the maximum rates on the 11th day of June, 1878, shall be continued from September, 1878, at the salary they would have received under the schedule now in force, until such instructors shall be entitled to an increase of salary in accordance with the schedule proposed in this report, and that the salaries of all other instructors not entitled to the maximum rates on the 11th day of June, 1878, shall be continued at the present rates until such instructors shall be entitled, etc. (according to the language of the report). Salaries of instructors in High Schools.

Lost.

Order No. 16 passed as recommended.

Order No. 17 passed, by a vote of 9 to 4.

Mr. Porter moved that the matter of the salaries of the teachers in the Licensed Minor Schools and the Kindergarten be referred to the respective committees. Salaries of teachers, Licensed Minors, Kindergarten.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the teachers in those schools be ranked as fourth assistants.

Upon the Chair stating that the rules and regulations fix their rank as fourth assistants, the several motions were withdrawn.

Mr. Finney moved that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Friday July 5, at 8 o'clock. Adjournment.

Mr. Winship moved to amend by substituting Tuesday, July 9, for Friday.

The motion to substitute was adopted by a vote of 8 to 7.

The order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the assistants in the Secretary and Auditing Clerk's department be fixed at the Salaries of assistants in Secretary and Auditing Clerk's department.

following rates, until otherwise ordered: two at $1620, one at $1,500, one at $1,200, and two at $900.

Passed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Repairs, Hancock School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause all needed repairs to be made in the Hancock School Building.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, it was

Consolidation, Winthrop and Bowditch Districts.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to consider the expediency of consolidating the Winthrop and Bowditch Districts.

Petition for reinstatement of Emma Smith.

Mr. Winship offered a petition from some 84 citizens of Jamaica Plain, praying for the reinstatement of Emma Smith, as fourth assistant in the Central District.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Petition for reelection of Daniel B. Hubbard.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered a petition from some 71 residents of the Mather District, praying for the reelection of Daniel B. Hubbard as master of that school.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock, P.M.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 9, 1878.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at eight o'clock.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Hayes, Hobbs, Learnard, Perkins, and Miss May.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Board was called to order by Mr. Brewer, the senior member.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President *pro tem.* President *pro tem.*

Mr. W. T. Adams nominated Mr. Godfrey Morse for the position.

The Chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Finney, and Cutter, a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 15.

Necessary for a choice, 8.

Godfrey Morse had 15, and was accordingly declared elected. Godfrey Morse elected.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nomination: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Gaston District. — Josephine A. Powers, fourth assistant, from May 4 to June 26.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Text Books.

On motion of Mr. Thayer — Doc. 11 — the report of the Committee on Text Books was taken from the table.

Mr. Thayer moved that Order No. 1 be passed.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the rules were suspended in order that the Supervisors might take part in the discussion on this order.

Grammar and Primary Schools; outline courses of study.

The outline courses of study for the Primary and Grammar Schools were then considered.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to amend the Grammar course of study in the column headed "writing" by omitting the numerical designation of the writing-books, by providing that two writing-books be used each half year in the 6th, 5th, 4th, and 3d classes, and by omitting the use of blank books.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that Order No. 1 be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 9.

Mr. W. T. Adams, by permission, withdrew that part of his motion relating to blank books.

Mr. Finney moved to amend the Primary and Grammar courses of study so that the readers shall be designated "of a proper grade" instead of numerically, as in the plan.

Passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams' motion to amend passed by a vote of 9 to 8.

The two courses of study were then adopted as amended.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue suggestions to accompany the outline courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools. Outline courses of study; suggestions.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Report of the Committee on Text Books — Doc. 11 — was laid on the table.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That, for the purpose of improving our system of public schools, and giving to it more consistency and unity, the Board of Supervisors be requested to examine carefully, in the next school-year, the organization of all our schools, both day and evening, and their courses of study and instruction, and, if any changes are needed therein, to report them to this Board on or before the first regular meeting in May. Organization of schools.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order was amended, by substituting the word "April" for the word "May."

The order passed, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, Document 13 — Revision of Chapter XIX. — was taken from the table. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; regulations Normal School.

Orders Nos. 1 and 2 passed as offered.

Mr. Porter moved to amend Order No. 3, by inserting after the word "old" the words, "unless permission be granted by the committee in charge." Rules amended.

Mr. Collar moved to amend, by inserting after the word "probation" the words, "for one term;" by substituting the words, "those who," for the words "as soon as they;" by inserting after the word "school," in the eighth line from the top of page 8, the words, "at the close of the term."

Mr. Thayer moved to amend by substituting the following for Section 277: —

"Candidates for admission must signify, in writing, their intention to become teachers. Those who have

completed the fourth year's course in the Girls' High School shall be admitted without examination; those who are graduates of any Boston High School shall be admitted without examination, on presentation of a certificate from the principal that they have attained an average per cent. on the examinations given during their course, which per cent. shall be fixed by the Committee on Examinations, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors; other candidates shall be examined by the Board of Supervisors, under the direction of the Committee on Examinations; but no candidate, who is under eighteen years of age, shall be admitted except by special vote of the Committee on Examinations.

The committee in charge shall canvass the list of pupils at the end of three months, and again at the end of five months, and remove from the school those who have not maintained a satisfactory standing. No pupil who has attended the school for more than half a school-year shall be allowed to return a second year without special permission from the committee in charge.

Mr. Porter moved to recommit Order No. 3 to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 10.

Mr. Porter's amendment passed.

Mr. Collar's amendment was withdrawn by permission.

Mr. Thayer's amendment was lost.

Mr. W. P. Adams moved to amend by inserting after the word "examined" the words "in the ordinary High School studies."

Passed, by a vote of 8 to 7.

Rules amended. Order No. 3 passed as amended, by a vote of 10 to 6.

Rules amended. Orders Nos. 4 and 5 passed as offered.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the vote by which Order No. 4 was passed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Finney, each speaker was limited in time to three minutes.

On motion of Mr. Moran, Section 278 was amended by striking out the words "in connection with the head-master."

The section, as amended, passed as Order No. 4. Rules amended.

Order No. 6 passed as offered. Rules amended.

Order No. 7 was lost, by a vote of 7 to 8.

Orders Nos. 8 and 9 passed. Rules amended.

Order No. 10 was lost.

Mr. Porter moved to amend Order No. 11, so as to provide that these changes shall not go into effect until after the commencement of the present school year.

Lost.

Order No. 11 passed as offered. Rules amended.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were authorized — April 9 — to report in print such verbal and other amendments to the Rules and Regulations as, in their judgment, are necessary before the revised edition is printed, submitted a report (Doc. 15) containing such amendments, and moved its adoption. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, Orders Nos. 12 and 13 were amended by substituting the word "April" for the word "May" in each. The several orders were separately passed, and the report adopted as amended. Rules amended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the amendment to Sect. 41 was taken from the table. (See Minutes, page 72.) Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations. Adoption of amendments.

The report was accepted, and the order passed. Rules amended.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nomination: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Dudley (boys) District. — Frances T. Kelley, third assistant, from May 4, 1878. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

Salaries of assistants in Secretary and Auditing Clerk's Department.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the order of July 2d, fixing the salaries of the assistants in the Secretary and Auditing Clerk's Department, take effect September 1, 1878.

Passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Text-books for 1878-79.

Ordered, That the text-books authorized to be used in the schools during the present school year be adopted for the school year 1878–79.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, laid on the table, by a vote of 7 to 6.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Bunker Hill School building; heating apparatus.

Ordered, That radiators be placed in rooms Nos. 7 and 11, Bunker Hill School building, during the present vacation, in order that the rooms may be properly warmed the coming winter.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after twelve o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 10, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Cutter, Hayes, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Resignation of Wm. H. Learnard, Jr., as member of School Board.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Wm. H. Learnard, Jr., Vice-President of the Board, resigning his position as a member of the School Board, on account of ill-health.

Resolutions on service of Mr. Learnard.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams presented the following address and resolutions: —

I have a series of resolutions which I desire to offer for adoption by the Board on the occasion of accepting the resignation of Mr. Learnard. I know that such resolutions are sometimes passed in compliance with mere forms, and when there is very little heart in them; but I understand the feeling of this Board well enough to believe that this is not one of those occasions. I think every member of this Board must realize that the City of Boston, the School Board, the School Officers, and the Schools themselves, are to sustain a severe loss in the retirement of Mr. Learnard.

Mr. Learnard was first elected a member of the School Committee from the North End a quarter of a century ago, — in 1853. He served but a single year then; but in 1859 he was elected from the old Ward 11, and from that time his service has been continuous. Four months more would have closed his twenty-first year. Not only for the great value of the service rendered, but also for its length, his ought to be regarded as one of the historic terms; for only three in the annals of this body, since the incorporation of the city, have

exceeded it in length, — that of our late associate, Dr. Palmer, being thirty-two years, the Rev. Dr. Lothrop, thirty years, and Mr. Frederick Emerson, twenty-two years.

Mr. Learnard has been during his entire term one of the most valuable and influential members. For eight years he was a member, and for seven the chairman, of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. For eleven years he has been a member, and for three the chairman, of the Committee on Accounts. On these important committees he has exercised a powerful influence upon the legislation of the Board. The city can ill afford to lose the services of such a man. Only a few, even of the members, can know to what a degree he controlled the finances of the Board, or how much study and labor he gave to the subject. I think it is proper to take more than usual notice of the retirement of a member when his term of service has been so long, his labors so devoted and well directed, and his companionship in the discharge of public duty so pleasant and agreeable. For this reason I submit the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That the members of the School Committee have learned with sincere regret of the intended retirement from this Board of the Hon. William H. Learnard, Jr., and especially that his withdrawal is made necessary by impaired health; and that they accept his resignation, under these circumstances, in the full belief that the City of Boston will thereby be deprived of the services of one of its most able, efficient, and conscientious officials.

Resolved, That, as a member of this Board, in which he has served for more than twenty years, Mr. Learnard was faithful in the discharge of every duty, considerate and courteous to his associates, and by his example and intelligent labors exerted a great and beneficial influence upon the public schools of this city.

Resolved, That, as the Vice-President of this Board, Mr. Learnard manifested preëminent ability in the discharge of the duties of the Chair, which he dignified by his thorough knowledge of parliamentary rule, practice, and precedent, and by his unvarying courtesy and impartiality.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. Learnard for his long and faithful service as a member of the School Committee, and for his frequent and not less conscientious service as its presiding officer; and that the best wishes of his associates will go with him into his retirement for the complete restoration of his health, and for his future prosperity and happiness.

Ordered, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the School Committee, and a copy of the same, properly engrossed, be sent to Mr. Learnard.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the order was amended so as to provide that the address accompanying the resolutions be also incorporated in the records of the Board.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the order passed.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Whereas, A vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Learnard, Jr., — Vacancy in School Board, Convention to fill.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, September 24, at half-past seven o'clock, for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the regular order of business was suspended, in order to allow the Board to proceed to the election of a Vice-President. Election of Vice-President.

The chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Morse, and Collar a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes, 17; necessary to a choice, 9. Chas. L. Flint had 1; Godfrey Morse, 1; W. T. Adams, 1. Wm. H. Finney had 14, and was accordingly declared elected as Vice-President of the School Board. William H. Finney elected.

The Chair made the following appointments to vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Learnard: — Appointments on Committees.

Godfrey Morse, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts; F. Lyman Winship, member of the Committee on Accounts; Geo. A. Thayer, member of the Committee on Nominations.

Approved.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, reported the resignation of Olive S. Boothby, Resignation of Olive S. Boothby.

first assistant in the Mather School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Report Com. on Nominations.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Cornelia P. Nason, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Mather District. — Ella L. Macomber, first assistant, from Sept. 2 to Sept. 15, 1878; Mary C. Turner, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2 to Oct. 15, 1878.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nominations on probation.

Latin. — Louis H. Parkhurst, junior master, third year, from Sept. 3, 1878.

Charlestown High. — E. C. F. Krauss, special teacher of German, from Sept. 1, 1878.

Dorchester High. — Harold C. Childs, fourth assistant, from Sept. 16, 1878.

West Roxbury High. — M. C. Ladreyt, special teacher of French, from Sept. 1, 1878.

Allston District. — Jeanie Hosie, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, from Sept. 16, 1878.

Mt. Vernon District. — Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Winthrop District. — Minnie L. Hobart, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR REËLECTION.

Nominations for reëlection.

Brighton High. — John F. Stein, special teacher of German.

Dorchester and Roxbury High. — Henri Morand, special teacher of French.

Bowditch District. — Priscilla Johnson, fourth assistant; Maria J. Colburn, fourth assistant; Emma L. Pollex, fourth assistant.

Central District. — Emma Smith, fourth assistant, on probation.

Accepted, and the several teachers reëlected for the ensuing school year.

Transfers of teachers.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Emma L. Pollex, from the position of fourth assistant in the Bowditch District to that of fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District; the transfer to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Everett School, bells and speaking-tubes for.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish speaking-tubes and bells for the Everett School-house.

The order was amended by substituting "City Council" for "Committee on School Houses" and referred, as amended, to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Use of rooms for charity Kindergartens.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Voted, That the use of a room in the East-street Primary School building; in the Wait School, Shawmut avenue; in the Heath-street Primary School; in the school-house on North Margin street, and in the school-house on Cottage place, be granted to Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw for the establishment of charity Kindergartens, under such restrictions as may be made by the Committee on Accounts; the same to be without expense to the city except heating and care of rooms.

Election of truant officer.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the nomination of George Murphy as truant officer to fill the vacancy now existing in the force; term of service to begin Sept. 11, 1878.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Sewing, third class Bowditch School.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, it was

Voted, That instruction in sewing be given to pupils of the *third* class of the Bowditch School, the same having been recommended by the Committee on the Fourth Division and the Committee on Sewing.

Philosophical apparatus for Andrew School.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was —

Voted, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to furnish philosophical apparatus for the Andrew School.

Nomination of Sarah E. Hamlin, sewing teacher.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the nomination of Mrs. Sarah E. Hamlin, as teacher of sewing in the Norcross School, in place of Sarah J. Bliss, who was nominated by mistake; the nomination to date Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the resignation of Annie P. Burton, fourth assistant in the Central District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the resignation of Fannie Blanchard, third assistant in the Gaston District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the resignation of Ida M. Oliver, third assistant, in the Adams District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Music and Drawing, submitted the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Perkins, ordered to be printed. Annual report on Music and Drawing.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 356 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by substituting the word "*seventeen*" for the word "*fifteen*" in the second line; and by inserting the words "age, or at any other" after the word "other" in the same line. Amendments to rules.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the rule providing that all amendments to the Rules and Regulations shall have two readings before being acted upon (Sect. 41) was suspended, and the order was passed, under the suspension of the rules.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 357 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by substituting the word "*twenty-five*" for the word "*thirty*," both in the first and second lines.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, reported the following nominations of teachers in the Free Evening Drawing Schools for the ensuing term, so far as the number of pupils registered in each school will allow: — Evening Drawing Schools, election of teachers.

Master. — Geo. H. Bartlett.

Head Assistants. — C. S. Ward, H. N. Mudge, Geo. F. Hammond, Geo. Young, G. A. Loring.

Assistants. — J. L. Frisbee, Geo. Jepson, A. Hun Berry, Leslie Miller, A. J. Anthony, Chas. Adams, C. M. Carter.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was —

Voted, That the Committee on School Houses have authority to place in one or more of the several school New style of school furniture.

buildings such new style of school furniture as they shall deem expedient after a thorough examination of the same, when the manufacturers propose to do so without cost to the city.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the following resignations: Maud Stephens, fourth assistant in the Gaston District; Clara L. Cushman and Filena Hurlbutt, third assistants in the Lawrence District, to take effect severally, Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Salary of Sarah Shaw.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the maximum salary be paid to Sarah Shaw, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Salary of Byron Groce.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of Byron Groce, junior master in the Latin School, be fixed as of the third year's service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Resignation of Alfred Hewins, master of Bowditch School.

The Chair read the resignation of Alfred Hewins from the position of master of the Bowditch School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Extra edition Supt's report.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was

Voted, That one thousand additional copies of the Superintendent's Report (Doc. 16) be printed.

Everett School, bells and speaking-tubes for.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred an order for speaking-tubes and bells in the Everett School, reported that the committee, having considered the subject, are of the opinion, that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. W. P. Adams presented a petition, signed by Thos. F. Temple and others, citizens of Dorchester District, praying for the reinstatement of Hiram Wilde as instructor of music in that district.

Petition for re-election of Hiram Wilde.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Music.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Pupils in High Schools to provide their own stationery.

Ordered, That the pupils of High Schools be henceforth required to provide their own stationery.

Read, and on motion of Mr. W. T. Adams referred to the Committee on Supplies, by a vote of eight to seven, the chair voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Additional land for new Allston School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for the new Allston School-house.

Read, and, on motion of Mr. Finney, referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred an order — July 2 — to consider the expediency of consolidating the Winthrop and Bowditch Districts, reported that, in consideration of the present numbers of the Bowditch School and the inconvenience of effecting a union with the Winthrop School at the present time, the consolidation of the two schools is inexpedient.

Consolidation of Winthrop and Bowditch Districts.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the report of the Committee on Text-Books (Doc. 11) was taken from the table.

Report Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Flint moved to take from the table the order to continue, for the present school year, the text-books in use during the past year, and to substitute it for Document 11.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, Orders Nos. 2 and 3 were passed over, and Order No. 4 was considered.

The Chair decided that, since the acceptance of Mr. Learnard's resignation, the number of members of the School Committee was twenty-four; and that sixteen votes, being two-thirds, would be necessary for the adoption of the recommendations of the report, in all cases where one book is proposed to be substituted for another.

Page 6. — English, *first year*, was amended by striking out "Scott's Lady of the Lake," and by changing No. 4, so as to read "Scott's Poems and Prose, except the Lady of the Lake."

English, *first year*, passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, English, *second year*, was amended by striking out "Addison's Spectator (selections)," and by changing No. 3 so as to read "Addison's Prose, except selections from the Spectator."

English, *second year*, passed as amended, by a vote of sixteen in favor.

English, *third year*, passed as offered.

The "French" passed as reported by the committee, after considerable discussion.

The "German" was passed as amended on motion of Mr. Thayer, by striking out the words "(Schul-Ausgaben Deutsch Classiker)."

The "Latin," *first, second, and third years* and *first and third years* were then considered.

Mr. Thayer requested the decision of the Chair (the Vice-President presiding) regarding the number of votes necessary for the passage of the recommendation. The Chair decided that sixteen votes would be required. Mr. Thayer appealed from the decision. After discussion, the decision of the Chair was sustained by a vote of thirteen to two. The recommendations were lost.

The "Latin" *third year* passed as offered.

The "History" order was lost.

The "Mathematics" was amended to read: —

Second Year.

Substitute for present phraseology: —
Bradbury's Elementary Trigonometry; or,
Greenleaf's Trigonometry.

Second and Third Years.

Substitute for present phraseology: —
Bradbury's Elementary Geometry; or,
Chauvenet's Geometry.

Passed as amended.

Order No. 4 was passed as amended.

Mr. Thayer moved to assign farther consideration of the report to 8 o'clock at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Passed.

Mr. Porter moved that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7.30 o'clock. Adjournment.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 24, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Flint and Hayes.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to form a convention with this Board, on this day, and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this committee caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Learnard, Jr.; and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

Concurrence of Board of Aldermen; convention held.

IN CONVENTION.

His Honor the Mayor presiding.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Elections, submitted the names of William C. Williamson and John L. Withrow as candidates to fill the vacancy.

Report of Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the convention proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Alderman Harris and Messrs. Thayer and Porter a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 29; necessary for a choice, under the statute, 19.

Joseph Willard had 1; Lyman Mason, 2; John L.

Wm. W. Williamson elected.

Withrow, 7. William C. Williamson had 19, and was acccordingly declared to be elected a member of the School Committee for a term ending the second Monday in January, 1879.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Vice-President presiding.

Communication from City Council.

The Chair read the following communication from the City Council: —

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Sept. 16, 1878.

Use of School buildings for polling places.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to grant to this Board the use of School Buildings, where desirable for Polling Places, in the various Wards of the City, to be used at the ensuing State and City Elections.

Passed.

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

A true copy.
Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Porter, referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dorchester High School. — John Vaughn, fourth assistant, three days.

Frothingham District. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Norcross District. — Jennie Mullaly, third assistant, from May 15, 1878.

Rice District. — Ida F. Taylor, second sub-master, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Girls' Latin School.. — Elizabeth P. Howard, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878. Nomination of teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Alla F. Young, fourth assistant, from Sept. 16, 1878.

Emerson District. — Laura S. Plummer, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Harvard District. — Alice T. Smith, fourth assistant, (third year), from Sept. 2, 1878.

Norcross District. — Jennie Mullaly, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Franklin, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Rice District. — Charles F. Kimball, sub-master, from Sept. 2, 1878; Myron T. Pritchard, second sub-master, from Sept. 16, 1878; Uleyetta Williams, third assistant, from Sept. 16, 1878.

Wells District. — Emeline E. Durgin, second assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Winthrop District. — Minnie L. Hobart, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Emerson District. — Mary Anne Ford, first assistant, and Frances H. Turner, second assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Wells District. — Ellen F. Jones, third assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Joint Committee on Nominations, and the Fourth Division, reported the name of Geo. W. Neal as a candidate for the vacancy in the principalship of the Bowditch School, and requested a suspension of the rule requiring the nomination of more than one candidate. Nomination of Geo. W. Neal.

The rules were suspended, and, on motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Cutter, and Plummer a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 13.

Election of Geo. W. Neal as master of Bowditch School.

George W. Neal had 18, and was accordingly declared elected as master of the Bowditch School.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Report of the Committee on Text-Books (Doc. 11), specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of this meeting, was considered.

Mr. Thayer moved that Order No. 2 be adopted.

Report of Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams the question was divided.

The consideration of Franklin Primer, Leigh's type, gave rise to considerable discussion, during which the Superintendent and Supervisor Tweed were called upon to express their opinions on various books; the rules being suspended to admit of the same.

The Chair stated that, in accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor, he should decide that a two-thirds vote would be required to displace a text-book, and a majority vote to adopt a chart or aid to teaching.

The Primary-School text-books (page 3, Doc. 11) were acted upon as follows: Under "Strike out," *1* and *2* were lost; *3* was lost by a vote of 9 to 10; *4* passed by a vote of 14 to 3; *5* passed. Under "Adopt," *1*, *2*, *3*, and *4* were lost; *5* was lost by a vote of 12 to 6; *6* was lost by a vote of 11 to 8; *7* passed.

Order No. 2 passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the question was divided on the adoption of Order No. 3.

The Grammar-School text-books were acted upon as follows: Under "Strike out," *1* was lost by a vote of 12

to 4; *2* was lost by a vote of 9 to 10; *3* passed; *4* and *5* passed unanimously; *6* was lost; *7* was lost by a vote of 5 to 11; *8* was lost, 10 voting in the affirmative; *9* was lost. Under "Adopt," *1* passed unanimously; *2* and *3* were lost. Monroe's Third Reader, Sheldon's Fourth Reader, Monroe's Fifth Reader, were lost. Higginson's History of the United States (to be used as a Reader) passed unanimously. Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following as an amendment to *4:* —

Supplementary reading in Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to purchase, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, not exceeding two hundred copies each, of any or all of the following books, to be used under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, as auxiliary reading-books in the Grammar Schools: —

Hawthorne's Wonder Book.
Hawthorne's Tanglewood Tales.
Miss Martineau's Crofton Boys.
Thomas Hughes' Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby.
Dana's Two Years before the Mast.
Defoe's Robinson Crusoe.
Irving's Sketch Book.

Passed.

5 passed; *6* was lost; *7* passed by a vote of 14 to 2.

Order No. 3 passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, it was

Keetel's Elementary Grammar.

Voted, That Keetel's Elementary Grammar, authorized by the Board for use in the High Schools, in place of Keetel's Analytical Grammar, be introduced only as new classes in French requiring the same are formed.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

"Nursery" in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the monthly juvenile magazine, "The Nursery," be provided as supplementary reading matter for the Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the order was amended by adding the words "in such quantities as may be indicated by the Board of Supervisors."

Passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was

Latin-School text-books unchanged.

Voted, That the changes in the High-School text-books ordered by the Board at its last meeting shall not be considered as affecting the text-books of the Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was

Supplementary reading in High Schools.

Voted, That the High Schools be allowed to use any text-book in English now owned by the city, as supplementary reading matter to that now prescribed.

Order No. 5 of the Report of the Committee on Text-Books (Doc. 11) was passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following orders: —

Books authorized, 1878–79.

Ordered, That all books authorized by the School Committee for use in the public schools for the school-year 1877–78 which have not been displaced by the action of the Board, be authorized for use during the school-year 1878–79.

Passed.

List of text-books, 1878–79, to be printed.

Ordered, That the list of books as adopted by the Board for the school year 1878–79 be printed; and that no other books be used in any of the public schools in the city.

Passed.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Military Drill; 7th and 8th classes in Latin School to be excused.

Ordered, That the seventh and eighth classes in the Public Latin School be excused from Military Drill during the present school year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Military Drill.

Report of Committee on Supplies on stationery in High Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order relating to the furnishing of stationery to the pupils of the High Schools,

reported, that at two special meetings they have given the subject patient and careful consideration, having at these meetings the Chairman of the Committee on Text-Books, the Superintendent, and the Principal of each High School. Seven out of nine of these principals believe in the necessity of furnishing the needed materials by the city, and that the complete refusal to supply any stationery would act injuriously on all the schools; that the drawing in the High Schools would not have obtained its present results if the materials had not been furnished. The remaining two believe that certain portions of the supply should be continued, while the pupils might be required to purchase the remainder.

The evidence impressed the committee with the belief that the supplies were carefully and economically used, and it is the unanimous opinion of your committee that the order ought not to pass.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the report was laid on the table.

Miss May, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to grant a certificate of service to Charles O. Whitman, in consideration of previous acceptable service, and that it be referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Certificate of service to Chas. O. Whitman.

Passed.

Miss May, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That, in view of certain special conditions, the salary of A. E. Somes, of the Charlestown High School, be that of third assistant, and that it be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Salary of A. E. Somes.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to

Report of Committee on School Houses; transfer of Evening Drawing School from Jamaica Plain to Roslindale.

whom was referred — June 11 — an order and petition concerning the transfer of the Jamaica Plain Evening Drawing School to Roslindale, reported that, as the proposed location is more desirable, and the expense of the school will be lessened by the removal, the committee recommend that the transfer be made.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Resignation of Lucy J. Lothrop.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the resignation of Lucy J. Lothrop, third assistant in the Lyman District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Rice Training School, offered the following: —

Salary of Chas. F. Kimball.

Ordered, That in consideration of long and faithful service in the Rice School, Charles F. Kimball, sub-master, receive the salary of the third year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Branch High School, South Boston.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools consider the expediency of establishing a branch High School in South Boston.

Passed.

Resignation of Elizabeth E. Backup and Clara F. Conant.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the resignations of Elizabeth E. Backup and Clara F. Conant, fourth assistants in the Dearborn District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to H. H. Gould.

Voted, That leave of absence, until the spring term, be granted to H. H. Gould, sub-master in the Comins School.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant Officers be instructed to consider the expediency of providing food and transportation for juvenile offenders while under arrest or under sentence, and in charge of truant officers not receiving witness fees from the Courts.

Food and transportation for truants.

Passed.

The Chair read a communication, signed by Mrs. J. E. Blakemore and nineteen other ladies, residents of Roslindale, praying for the use of the Florence School House (now vacant) in which to give entertainments for the benefit of the M. E. Church, for two days and one evening in each month from Oct., 1878, to April, 1879, inclusive. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Petition for use of Florence School-house.

The Chair read a communication from J. F. Zimmerman, inviting the School Board to attend an exhibition of the painting "The Great Siege of Paris."

Invitation to School Board to attend the "Siege of Paris."

Accepted, on motion of Mr. Hobbs.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land and erect a Primary School-house thereon, at City Point.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following communication: —

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Mason street, Sept. 24, 1878.

Hon. HENRY L. PIERCE, *President, School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — In conformity with the Rules of the Board, I respectfully ask the approval of the School Committee to the appointment of Mr. Arthur Drew to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Louis H. Parkhurst.

Nomination of Arthur Drew.

Very respectfully,
GEO. A. SMITH.

The appointment was confirmed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Licensed Minors, re-

Committee on Licensed Minors; further time to report.

quested further time in which to present the annual report of that committee.

Granted.

Committee on Annual Report.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Morse, Collar, and Bowditch as the committee to prepare the Annual Report for 1878.

Approved.

Appointment of Mr. Winship on Committee on Horace Mann School.

The Chair appointed Mr. Winship to fill the vacancy in the Committee on the Horace Mann School, caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Learnard, Jr.

Approved.

Petition for reinstatement of Abby L. Hapgood.

Mr. Cutter presented a petition signed by sixty residents of Charlestown, praying for the reinstatement of Abby L. Hapgood, fourth assistant in the Frothingham District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Second Division.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Ellen A. Chapin.

Voted, That further leave of absence be granted to Ellen A. Chapin, third assistant in the Frothingham District.

Petition for maximum salary to Carrie Ford.

Mr. Plummer presented a petition from Carrie Ford, third assistant in the Emerson District, praying for the maximum salary of that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 8, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Hayes, Hobbs, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Girls' Latin. — Lucy C. Elliott, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2 to Oct. 5, 1878. Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Jessie F. Otis, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant, from Sept. 2 to Sept. 16, 1878; Ella L. Macomber, third assistant, from Sept. 16, 1878.

Central District. — Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Emerson District. — Ida J. Breckinridge, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Everett District. — S. W. Wilson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Gaston District. — Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Gibson District. — Mary E. Abercrombie, third assist-

ant, from Oct. 1 to Oct. 5, 1878; Grace St. L. Urann, third assistant, from Oct. 7 to Oct. 12, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Hannah L. McGlinchey, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Phillips District. — Sarah E. Adams, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers on probation.

Girls' Latin. — Augusta R. Curtis, fourth assistant, from Oct. 7, 1878.

Girls' High. — Elizabeth C. Coburn, fourth assistant, from Oct. 7, 1878; Emily P. Hidden, fourth assistant, from Oct. 25, 1878.

Bigelow District. — Kittie A. Learned and Claudine E. Cherrington, third assistants, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Brimmer District. — Emily B. Burrill, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Bunker Hill District. — Julia L. Adams, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Chapman District. — A. M. Crozier, first assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Gaston District. — Clara A. Sharp, third assistant; Josephine A. Powers and Lelia R. Hayden, fourth assistants, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Lyman District. — Clara E. Robinson, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Norcross District. — Alice Meins, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Resignation of Charlotte E. Baldwin.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, reported the resignation of Charlotte E. Baldwin,

third assistant in the Gibson District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Salaries of sub-masters, fourth and second assistants.

Ordered, That sub-masters of the first grade, fourth assistants of the third grade, and second assistants of the fourth grade, in service June 11, 1878, continue to receive the rates allowed to them at that time, until their years of service shall entitle them to an increase of salary in accordance with the schedule of 1878–79.

Passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salaries of "ushers" in High School.

Ordered, That all instructors receiving the maximum salary, on June 11, 1878, receive the maximum rates allowed to their respective grades, with the exception of junior masters in the High Schools, occupying the position heretofore designated as "usher," who shall continue to receive the rates allowed to them at that time until their years of service shall entitle them to an increase of salary in accordance with the schedule of 1878–79.

Passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Sewer assessment on Gibson Fund property.

Whereas, the City Council has recently levied an assessment of about seventeen hundred dollars, for the construction of a sewer, on property in Dorchester, belonging to the Gibson Fund, the income of which was devoted, by the will of the donor, solely to public education in that locality; and

Whereas, the property to be benefited by the sewer in the distant future is unproductive at the present time, and the payment of the assessment will absorb the entire in-

come of the fund, which may be beneficially applied to the improvement of the schools, for several years; therefore

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to remit the sewer assessment levied upon property in Dorchester belonging to the Gibson Fund.

Passed.

Nomination of Evening High School instructors.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following-named candidates as instructors in the Evening High School; term of service to commence Oct. 7, 1878: —

R. P. Owen, Principal; Assistants: F. M. Babson, W. S. Hutchinson, C. Jonsen, W. H. Moriarty, Charles E. Stetson, T. Dean, J. W. Keen, W. H. Knight, Arthur B. Morong, Fred G. Perry, Israel A. Blair, John Vaughn.

Confirmed.

Resignation of Malvina R. Brigham.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the resignation of Malvina R. Brigham, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Ella L. Burbank.

Ordered, That Ella L. Burbank, third assistant in the Brimmer School, be paid the maximum salary of her grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Lilla H. Shaw.

Ordered, That Lilla H. Shaw, third assistant in the Brimmer School, be paid the maximum salary of her grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Rebecca L. Duncan.

Ordered, That leave of absence from October 21, 1878, to the beginning of the next school year, be granted to Rebecca L. Duncan, first assistant in the Brimmer District.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until March 1, 1879, be granted to M. E. Sawyer, fourth assistant in the Quincy District.

Leave of absence to M. E. Sawyer.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the following resignations: —

Lucinda Smith, fourth assistant in the Norcross District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878; Abbie J. Adams, third assistant in the Bigelow District, to take effect Sept. 2, 1878.

Resignations of Lucinda Smith and Abbie J. Adams.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the resignation of Mary E. Allen, first assistant in the Chapman District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Resignation of Mary E. Allen.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted as follows: —

Sarah O. Brickett, third assistant, and Barbara C. Farrington, fourth assistant, in the Bowdoin District, until Dec. 1, 1878; Mary Redding, fourth assistant in the Wells District, until Jan. 1, 1879.

Leave of absence to Sarah O. Brickett, Barbara C. Farrington, Mary Redding.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the resignation of Fanny Ashenden, third assistant in the Charles Sumner District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Resignation of Fanny Ashenden.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order for payment of the salary of third assistant in the Charlestown High School to Adelaide E. Somes, reported that as Miss Somes was nominated by the Board, as a fourth assistant in that school, in June last, this committee are unwilling to rec-

Reports of Com. on Salaries.

Salary of A. E. Somes.

ommend the passage of the referred order. They, however, request that the rules be suspended in order to admit of the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Adelaide E. Somes, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, be transferred to the grade of third assistant in that school, the transfer to take effect Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Salary of Chas. F. Kimball.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order concerning the salary of Charles F. Kimball, sub-master in the Rice District, reported that the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Charles F. Kimball, sub-master in the Rice District, be placed upon the third year's service of that rank, to date from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Franklin Primer and Second Reader, *common* type, in Intermediate Schools.

Ordered, That the Franklin Primer and Franklin Second Reader, *common type*, be authorized for use in the Intermediate Schools.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, it was

Comer's Book-keeping in High Schools.

Ordered, That Comer's Book-keeping be authorized as the text-book, in that study, in High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, it was

Supplementary reading in Grammar and Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the Grammar and Primary Schools be allowed to use any text-book in English owned by the city, as supplementary reading matter to that now prescribed, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order concerning the salary of Byron Groce, junior master in the Latin School, reported that the committee recommend the passage of the following order: — Salary of Byron Groce.

Ordered, That Byron Groce be placed upon his third year's service as junior master in the Latin School, to date from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — a petition from Carrie Ford, third assistant in the Emerson District, praying for the maximum salary of that grade, reported that the committee recommend the passage of the following order: — Salary of Carrie Ford.

Ordered, That Carrie Ford, third assistant in the Emerson District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order for payment of the maximum salary to Sarah Shaw, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, reported that they recommend the passage of the following order: — Salary of Sarah Shaw.

Ordered, That Sarah Shaw, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Music, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — a petition for the re-instatement of Hiram Wilde as instructor of music in the Dorchester District, reported that the committee deem it inexpedient to grant the request. Report of Com. on Music on re-instatement of Hiram Wilde.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, Resignation of

Evelyn E. Plummer.

reported the resignation of Evelyn E. Plummer, fourth assistant in the Phillips District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Text-books to Primary Schools,

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to furnish text-books to the Primary Schools in accordance with the appropriation for the same passed by the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, it was unanimously —

Leave of absence to Walter Smith.

Ordered, That leave of absence from the commencement of the present school year, until Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Walter Smith, Director of Drawing, with the usual deduction of salary for substitute's pay.

Report of Com. on Horace Mann School; change of name.

Mr. Brewer, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, to whom was referred — June 25 — an order proposing a change in the name of said school, reported that finding, upon inquiry, that the present name is satisfactory to those most interested in the school itself, and that the words "for the Deaf," are of advantage to an understanding of the special object of its teaching, the committee recommend that no change be made in the same.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Salaries; salary of Lilla H. Shaw.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — an order for the payment of the maximum salary to Lilla H. Shaw, third assistant in the Brimmer District, reported that they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Lilla H. Shaw, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of Edward P. Jackson, junior master in the Latin School, begin with the rate of the fourth year, from Sept. 1, 1878.

Salary of Edward P. Jackson.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Marion A. Hawes, fourth assistant in the Brighton High School, be credited with three years of service, so that her salary begin with the rate of the fourth year from Sept. 1, 1878.

Salary of Marion A. Hawes.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That in consideration of nearly two years of acceptable service as acting master of the Rice School, the salary of Edward Southworth, master of the Mather School, begin with the rate for the third year; this order to take effect from Oct. 2, 1878.

Salary of Edward Southworth.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for three months, from Oct. 1, 1878, be granted to Adelaide C. Williams, fourth assistant in the Allston District, and Nellie A. Hoar, fourth assistant in the Bennett District.

Leave of absence to Adelaide C. Williams and Nellie A. Hoar.

Mr. Winship, for the same committee, reported the names of Helen Harrington and Mattie K. Borden, as substitutes for longer than one month in the Bennett and Allston Districts respectively.

Substitutes; Helen Harrington, Mattie K. Borden.

Approved.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, leave of absence from Sept. 2 to Nov. 1,

Leave of absence to Lillie E. Davis, Carrie

M. Brackett and Carrie J. Harris.

1878, was granted to Lillie E. Davis, first assistant; and to Carrie M. Brackett and Carrie J. Harris, fourth assistants, in the Comins District.

Substitutes: Misses Finneran, Josselyn, Egan, and Charles L. Clay.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported the names of Catherine Finneran, Alice Josselyn, S. Egan, and Charles L. Clay, as substitutes for longer than one month in the Comins District.

Approved.

Resignation of Emma E. Towle.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Emma E. Towle, third assistant in the Comins District, to take effect Sept. 3, 1878.

Accepted.

Resignation of W. T. Adams, from Third Division Com.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. W. T. Adams, requesting to be excused from further service on the Committee on the Third Division, as a gentleman residing within the limits of that division has just been elected.

The request was granted.

The Chair made the following appointments: —

Appointments on committees.

Wm. C. Williamson, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on the Third Division, caused by the resignation of Wm. T. Adams.

Wm. C. Williamson, to fill the vacancies in the Committee on Truant Officers and on the Normal School, and Wm. T. Adams, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on the Fifth Division,— these vacancies caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Learnard, Jr.

Credentials of Wm. C. Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the credentials of Mr. Wm. C. Williamson, member-elect of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year, were referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, it was —

Order to print 1,500 copies Doc. 21.

Ordered, That 1,500 copies of Document 21, including Lists of Text-Books and Courses of Study, be printed for the use of High, Grammar, and Primary School Instructors.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, it was —

Ordered, That a committee of five, authorized to call upon the Superintendent and Supervisors for such assistance as they may require, be appointed to examine and inquire into the practical utility of Dr. Leigh's system of "Pronouncing Orthography" as a means of learning to read in the lowest classes of the Primary Schools, and to report on the subject before the first of January next. Committee to examine Dr. Leigh's system.

The Chair appointed Messrs. W. T. Adams, Thayer, Porter, Bowditch, and Brewer, to serve as the above committee.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the report of the Committee on Supplies, on Stationery in High Schools, was taken from the table. Stationery in High Schools.

Mr. Thayer moved to substitute the original order, as follows, for this report: —

Ordered, That the pupils in High Schools be henceforth required to provide their own stationery.

The motion was passed by a vote of 11 to 7.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the order was amended by the addition of the words "excepting ink," by a vote of 10 to 3.

Mr. Cutter moved to further amend the order by adding the words "pens and chalk."

Lost, by a vote of 3 to 11.

Mr. Chapin called for the yeas and nays on the passage of the order.

Passed.

The order passed by a vote of 11 to 7.

Yeas. — Messrs. W. P. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Cutter, Fletcher, Miss May, Messrs. Perkins, Thayer, Williamson, and Winship. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Messrs. W. T. Adams, Chapin, Flint, Morse, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Porter and Plummer.

Mr. Porter moved that the order go into effect at the end of the present school year.

Lost.

Seventh and eighth classes in Latin School excused from Military Drill.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Military Drill, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order that the seventh and eighth classes in the Latin School be excused from Military Drill during the present school year, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Further time granted to Com. on Sewing.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, requested further time in which to present the annual report of that committee.

Granted.

Mr. Plummer moved that the order concerning stationery in High Schools go into effect in December 1878.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 7.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the Board adjourned at half-past nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 22, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Hayes, Ryan, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Allston District. — Helen L. Brown, fourth assistant, from Oct. 15, 1878. Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Lena S. Weld, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Everett District. — Nellie M. Bennett, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2 to Sept. 11, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Margaret Macgregor, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Towle, fourth assistant, from Oct. 21, 1878.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Dearborn District. — Ida M. Presby, third assistant, from Sept. 9, 1878; Frances T. Kelley, third assistant, Abby S. Oliver and Bridget E. Scanlan, fourth assistants, from Oct. 1, 1878. Nomination of teachers on probation.

Everett District. — Evelyn E. Morse, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Franklin District. — Carrie G. White, fourth assistant, from Sept. 9, 1878.

Gibson District. — Sarah L. Becker, third assistant (third year), from Oct. 14, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Isabelle F. Crapo, third assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Quincy District. — N. H. Whittemore, sub-master, from Oct. 21, 1878.

Accepted.

Transfer of Phebe H. Simpson.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Phœbe H. Simpson from the position of third assistant in the Dearborn District to that of third assistant in the Lewis District; the transfer to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Resignation of Annette Glidden.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, reported the resignation of Annette Glidden, third assistant in the Mather District, to take effect Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Salaries; salary of Ella L. Burbank.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — an order for payment of the maximum salary to Ella L. Burbank, third assistant in the Brimmer District, reported that the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Ella L. Burbank, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Edward P. Jackson.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct 8 — an order that the salary of Edward P. Jackson, junior master in the Latin School, begin with the

rate of the fourth year, from Sept. 1, 1878, reported that the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Edward P. Jackson be placed upon his fourth year's service as junior master in the Latin School, to date from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Edward Southworth.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — an order for the payment of the third year's salary to Edward Southworth, master of the Mather School, in consideration of nearly two years' acceptable service as acting master of the Rice School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Edward Southworth be placed upon his third year's service as master of the Mather School, to date from Oct. 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Geo. W. Neal, term of service.

Ordered, That the term of service of Geo. W. Neal, as master of the Bowditch School, commence Sept. 2, 1878.

Passed.

Nomination of Evening School Instructors.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following-named candidates as instructors in the Evening Schools, to date from Oct. 7, 1878.

South Boston, Montgomery Hall. — J. C. Coombs, Principal. Assistants: Wm. H. Martin, Mary E. Collins, Hannah L. McGlinchy, Minnie Flynn, Clara Booth, Katie E. Fitzgerald, Carrie T. Hale, Ella F. Fitzgerald, Emma F. Simmons, Mary L. Fitzgerald, Martha Buckley, Mary E. O'Connor.

South Boston, Lincoln School. — Geo. J. Tufts, Principal. Assistants: Nancy S. French, Mary G. Lanning, Laura Russell, Mary C. Powers, Arthur P. French, E. B. Crocker, Lizzie R. Cummings.

Dorchester. — Alfred Bunker, Principal. Assistants: Susie Knott, Frances Newcomb, Ellen A. Brown, Thomas F. Shaughnessy, A. M. Cushing, Minnie E. Morse.

Anderson street.— John A. Bennet, Principal. Assistants: M. Ella Pitcher, Sarah Stumpf, E. N. Smith, Emma M. Weston, M. Laura Kendrick.

North Bennet street. — Salem D. Charles, Principal. Assistants: Alicia S. Collison, Emma S. Fiske, Mary E. Towle, Marian A. Flynn, Honora T. O'Dowd, Frances E. Leahy, Charlotte A. Pike.

Blossom street.— Henry A. Parker, Principal. Assistants: Mary Murphy, Ida A. Merriam, Mary L. Bibbey, Hattie A. Littlefield, Mary W. Perry, Carrie M. Small, Ella E. Morrill.

Charlestown-Warren School. — Assistants: Abbie C. McAuliffe, Katie Haushalter.

Charlestown-Prescott School. — Geo. G. Pratt, Principal. Assistants: Abbie S. Hapgood, Mary G. Ruxton.

Old Franklin School. — Chas. K. Cutter, Principal. Assistants: Ida H. Adams, Carrie L. Baker, Fannie L. O'Connell, Ida F. Taylor, L. E. O'Connell, M. Lizzie Bryant, N. C. McDermott, Minnie Colburn, A. E. Esilman, Annie A. E. Fagan, K. A. T. Murtagh.

Hudson street.— F. L. Babcock, Principal. Assistants: Annie J. Whelton, Mary A. Carney, Jennie M. Carney, E. A. Mahoney, Mary E. Wilder, Celia M. Chase, Cornelia M. Sullivan, C. J. Finneran.

Warrenton-street Chapel. — W. G. Babcock, Principal. Assistants: L. Fannie Babcock, John L. Emmons, Martha Knight, Annie Nichols, I. Thomas Vose, Samuel Welsh.

Cabot street.— F. L. Washburn, Principal. Assistants: A. E. Batchelder, M. E. Cunningham, S. E. Deane, Sabina Egan, C. B. Moore, M. A. Murphy, H. D. Mulliken, Geo. Oak.

Eustis street.— J. M. Hodgate, Principal. Assistants:

Bessie Palmer, Annie L. Newcomb, Florence J. Drake, Emma J. Vose.

Jamaica Plain. — Assistants: Larry G. Beck, Kate Summers, Carrie H. Summers.

East Boston. — Frank E. Dimick, Principal. Assistants: J. Henry Wardwell, Mary H. Lennon, Nellie B. Tucker, Sarah A. Overend, Mary S. Lowe, Mary A. Palmer, Mary A. Damon, Hattie M. Tucker.

Neponset. — Assistants: Justin M. Smith, Winella Stratton, Clara M. Moseley.

Resignation of Sarah A. Brown.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the resignation of Sarah A. Brown, fourth assistant in the Franklin District, to take effect Sept. 8, 1878.

Accepted.

Communication to Police Commissioners, for appointment of John L. Cook as day watchman at committee rooms.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Whereas, John L. Cook, late Lieutenant of Police, and day officer in charge of the rooms of the School Committee, has been retired on a pension, on account of a bodily injury which does not incapacitate him for the position he has acceptably filled for the past two years; and

Whereas, Officer Cook has always been faithful, reliable, and entirely trustworthy in the discharge of his duty, and so courteous, polite, and attentive to the comfort and convenience of the members and officers of the Board, as to secure the esteem and regard of all; therefore, without any request for this action, or previous knowledge of it, on the part of Officer Cook, —

Ordered, That the Police Commissioners be respectfully requested, if consistent with the proper organization of the department over which they preside, to appoint John L. Cook, a Sergeant of Police, and assign him to duty as house watchman in the daytime at the rooms of the School Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Emma P. Hall.

Ordered, That in consideration of long previous service, Emma P. Hall, second assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Isabelle F. Crapo.

Ordered, That, in consideration of many years' service as a teacher, Isabelle F. Crapo, third assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report Com. on Licensed Minors.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, submitted a report as follows: —

The Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors respectfully report that these schools remain as last year, two in number; located on North Margin street, and East-street place.

The school in North Margin street numbers 39 pupils, most of whom are licensed as boot-blacks, and the balance peddlers and newsboys. The school is in charge of a female teacher, and under the supervision of the master of the Eliot School.

The school in East-street place numbers 27 pupils, with one exception all newsboys. It is in charge of a female assistant, who is thoroughly devoted to her work, and under the supervision of the master of the Bowditch School.

The ages of the boys attending these schools range from eight to sixteen years.

The schools seem to be in a fair condition and the rules and regulations regarding them are complied with.

Accepted.

Report Com. on Second Division on petition for reinstatement of Abby L. Hapgood.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee of the Second Division, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — a petition from James Wallace and 60 other residents of Charlestown, praying for the reinstatement of Abby L. Hapgood, as fourth assistant in the Frothingham District, reported, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Lydia A. Simpson.

Ordered, That, in consideration of previous acceptable service, Lydia A. Simpson, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon her fourth year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of B. W. Willard.

Ordered, That, in consideration of long and acceptable service, Bial W. Willard, second assistant in the Frothingham District, be placed upon her second year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Carrie W. Graves.

Ordered, That Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant in the Warren District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Adeline F. Cutter.

Ordered, That Adeline F. Cutter, second assistant in the Phillips District, be paid the difference between the

salary of a second and a third assistant, for the school year of 1876.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of G. E. Putnam.

Ordered, That Georgianna E. Putnam, third assistant in the Phillips District, be allowed the maximum salary of her grade from the date of her appointment.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Leave of absence to Cynthia G. Melvin.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee of the Seventh Division, it was voted that leave of absence, until April next, be granted to Cynthia G. Melvin, third assistant in the Dearborn District.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Abby S. Oliver.

Ordered, That, in consideration of long service, Abby S. Oliver, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary I. Chamberlain.

Ordered, That Mary I. Chamberlain, fourth assistant in the Dudley District, a graduate of the Normal School, appointed teacher May 1, 1878, be entitled to the additional salary then provided for such graduates.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

John E. Wetherbee; election of.

Ordered, That John E. Wetherbee be employed as an assistant in the Evening High School, to perform clerical work, at a salary of $1.25 per night; term of service to commence Oct. 7, 1878.

The nomination was confirmed; the amount of compensation was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That, in consideration of long and acceptable service, Katherine Knapp, second assistant in Girls' High School, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade.

Salary of Katherine Knapp.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That, in consideration of long and acceptable service, Emerette O. Patch, third assistant in Girls' High School, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade.

Salary of Emerette O. Patch.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That, in consideration of long and acceptable service, Julia A. Jellison, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, be paid the maximum salary of her grade.

Salary of Julia A. Jellison.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, leave of absence from Nov. 1, 1878, to May 1, 1879, was granted to Mercie T. Snow, third assistant in the Brimmer District.

Leave of absence to Mercie T. Snow.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Text-book; English High School.

Ordered, That Michelet's Jeanne D'Arc be authorized as a text-book in French in the English High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Putnam's Students' Atlas of Classical Geography be an authorized text-book in the Girls' Latin School.

Text-book; Girls' Latin School.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Salary of Bertha W. Hintz.

Ordered, That Bertha W. Hintz, special teacher in the Normal School, be allowed the salary of second assistant.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of John F. Dwight.

Ordered, That John F. Dwight, second sub-master in the Lincoln District, be placed upon his fourth year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Hannah E. Burke.

Ordered, That, in consideration of long and acceptable service, Hannah E. Burke, third assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Frances H. Turner.

Ordered, That, in consideration of previous service, Frances H. Turner, second assistant in the Emerson District, be granted the maximum salary of her grade from Sept. 2, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams offered the following: —

Amendment of rules, proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider the expediency of amending Sect. 70, by the insertion after the word "all" in the second line of page 20, of the words "resignations and," so that the clause shall read, "All resignations and propositions for transfer of teachers," etc.

Passed.

The Chair read a communication from John D. Philbrick, requesting information with regard to the disposition of the Educational Exhibit of the City of Boston, portions of which are desired for the pedagogical libraries and museums of other countries.

Communication from John D. Philbrick; disposal of Paris Exhibit.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

Mr. W. P. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to consider and report to the Board the expediency and expense of establishing telegraphic communication between the School Committee rooms and the various Grammar School Districts.

Telegraphic communication with schools.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to grant a certificate of service to Charles O. Whitman, for three years a teacher in the English High School.

Certificate to Chas. O. Whitman.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 12, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, and Mr. Blake.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports Com. on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Hancock District. — Honora T. O'Dowd, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1878. Accepted. Temporary teacher.

ON PROBATION.

English High. — Charles O. Whitman, junior master, from Sept. 23, 1878. Nomination of teachers on probation.

Brimmer District. — Jennie M. Carney, fourth assistant, from Nov. 13, 1878.

Emerson District. — Ida J. Breckenridge, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Everett District. — Sarah W. Wilson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 11, 1878.

Prescott District. — Harriet Todd, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Quincy District. — Alfred Bunker, second sub-master, fifth year, from Oct. 21, 1878.

Warren District. — Florence G. Forbush and Julia

E. Harrington, third assistants, from Sept. 2, 1878, and Nov. 1, 1878, respectively.

Wells District. — Emma S. Beede, second assistant, from Nov. 1, 1878.

Carney, J. M., nomination of.

On motion of Miss May, the nomination of Jennie M. Carney was referred back to the Committee on the Fourth Division.

The report was then accepted

Transfer of Laura M. Stevens.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Laura M. Stevens, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District, from her present position to the Exeter-street School, the transfer to take effect Nov. 13, 1878.

The report was subsequently withdrawn, the Chair deciding that the Division Committee had authority to make transfers within their respective districts.

Report Com. on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed — Oct. 22 — to consider the expediency of amending Sect. 70 by requiring that resignations of teachers shall be submitted to the Board through the Committee on Nominations, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 70 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the word "another" the words, "and all resignations of teachers," so that the clause shall read, "All propositions for transfer of teachers from one district to another, or from one grade to another, and all resignations of teachers, shall be submitted to the Board through the Committee on Nominations."

Passed to second reading.

Resignation of Martha P. Winning.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the resignation of Martha F. Winning, third assistant in the Hancock District, to take effect Dec. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the resignation of Maria L. Bolan, third assistant in the Warren District, to take effect Nov. 1, 1878. Resignation of Maria L. Bolan.

Accepted.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the resignation of Mary A. Wilcox, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, to take effect Nov. 1, 1878. Resignation of Mary A. Wilcox.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order, that Mary I. Chamberlain, fourth assistant in the Dudley District, a graduate of the Normal School, appointed teacher in May 1, 1878, be entitled to the additional salary then provided for such graduates, respectfully reported that the order ought not to pass. Reports Com. on Salaries: salary of Mary I. Chamberlain.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that John E. Wetherbee, assistant in the Evening High School, to perform clerical work, be paid at the rate of $1.25 per night, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of John E. Wetherbee.

Ordered, That John E. Wetherbee, assistant in the Evening High School, to perform clerical work, be paid at the rate of $1.25 per night; term of service to commence Oct. 7, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct 22 — an order that Georgianna M. Putnam, third assistant in the Phillips District, be allowed the maximum salary from the date of her appointment, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of G. W. Putnam.

Ordered, That Georgianna M. Putnam, third assistant

in the Phillips District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from May 14, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Laura M. Stevens.

Ordered, That Laura M. Stevens be placed on the fifth year of her service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Nomination of Evening School Instructors.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, recommended the following nominations of instructors in the Evening Schools: —

Neponset. — Justin H. Smith, principal, from Oct. 7, 1878.

Jamaica Plain. — Larry G. Beck, principal, from Oct. 7. 1878.

Charlestown Warren School. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, principal, from Oct. 7, 1878.

Charlestown-Prescott School. — Katie E. McGowan, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1878.

Anderson Street. — Mary E. Symonds, assistant, from Oct. 16, 1878.

Nominations confirmed.

Establishment of Evening School at Brighton.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be empowered to establish an Evening School in the Brighton District.

Passed.

Lawrence School, Master's office for.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make the necessary alterations for a Master's office in the Lawrence Grammar building.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Jennie A. Eaton, fourth assistant in the Hillside District, on account of sickness.

Leave of absence; Jennie A. Eaton.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Misses Lucy A. and Eliza A. Wiggin, fourth assistants in the Adams District, on account of ill-health.

Leave of absence; Lucy A. and Eliza A. Wiggin.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Use of Lexington-street School for ward-meetings.

Ordered, That the use of the basement room in the Lexington-street Primary School building be granted to the citizens of Ward One for ward-meetings.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Reports of Committee on Salaries; salary of E. O. Patch.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Emerette O. Patch be placed upon her third year's service as third assistant in the Girls' High School, respectfully reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of H. E. Burke.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Hannah E. Burke, third assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed upon the sixth year's service of her grade, respectfully reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of L. A. Simpson.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Lydia A. Simpson, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon

the fourth year's grade of salary, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Lydia A. Simpson, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon her fourth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of A. S. Oliver.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Abby S. Oliver, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon the third year's service, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That in consideration of her long service, Abby S. Oliver, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of C. W. Graves.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant in the Warren District, be placed upon her sixth year's service, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant in the Warren District, be placed upon her fifth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of J. A. Jellison.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order to pay the maximum salary of her grade to Julia A. Jellison, respectfully reported that the following order to pass: —

Ordered, That Julia A. Jellison, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Katherine Knapp, second assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon her third year's service, respectfully reported that the order ought not to pass. Salary of K. Knapp.

Mr. Flint moved to substitute the original order.

Lost.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order for the payment of the maximum salary of her grade to Frances H. Turner, second assistant in the Emerson District, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of F. H. Turner.

Ordered, That Frances H. Turner, second assistant in the Emerson District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred, — Oct. 22 — an order that Marion A. Hawes, fourth assistant in the Brighton High School, be credited with three years' service, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of M. A. Hawes.

Ordered, That Marion A. Hawes, fourth assistant in the Brighton High School, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that John F. Dwight, second sub-master in the Lincoln District, be paid the salary of the fourth year of his grade, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of John F. Dwight.

Ordered, That John F. Dwight, second sub-master in the Lincoln District, be placed upon the fourth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Emma P. Hall.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Emma P. Hall, second assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed on the sixth year's service in that grade, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Emma P. Hall, second assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed on the sixth year's service of that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of B. W. Willard.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order relating to the salary of Bial W. Willard, second assistant in the Frothingham District, respectfully reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Bial W. Willard, second assistant in the Frothingham District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of L. M. Stevens.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 12 — an order that Laura M. Stevens, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year's service of her grade, to date from September 2, 1878, respectfully reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of Lexington-street School.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the order of this date for the use of the basement of the Lexington-street Primary School building, having previously considered the same, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Lois M. Rea, fourth assistant in the Wells District. Leave of absence; Lois M. Rea.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Mary G. Shaw, second assistant in the Wells District, to take effect Nov. 1, 1878. Resignation of M. G. Shaw.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Channing Folsom, sub-master in the Eliot School, who commenced his term of service on Nov. 16, 1877, with the understanding that after one year of probation, he should receive the maximum salary, have the maximum salary accorded to him, in consideration of the faithful and efficient manner in which he has performed his duties. Salary of Channing Folsom.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: — Report of Committee on Text-Books; books of reference for Girls' Latin School.

Ordered, That the following books of reference be furnished to the Girls' Latin School: —

(Of the Students' Series.)

Crowe's France; Gibbon's Decline of the Roman Empire; Lewis's Germany; Hallam's Middle Ages; Hume's England.

(Of the Epoch Series.)

The Early Roman Empire; The Age of the Antonines; The Beginning of the Middle Ages.

The Early Plantagenets; Lancaster and York; Edward the Third; The Crusades.

The Era of the Protestant Reformation.

(Freeman's Series.)

History of Italy; History of Scotland.

Freeman's Old English History.

Historical Sketches, in two vols., edited by Sewall and Yonge.

Robertson's Charles the Fifth.

Causes and Effects in History.

The letter-press accompanying Kaepper's Atlas.

Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare.

Fleury's Histoire de France.

Moliere's Bourgeois Gentilhomme.

Goethe's Hermann und Dorothea.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

Report of Committee on Sewing.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, submitted a report from that committee, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Alla F. Young.

Ordered, That Alla F. Young, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, be credited with two years' service, so that her salary may begin as of the third year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. W. P. Adams, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Alice G. Meins.

Ordered, That Alice G. Meins, fourth assistant in the Norcross School, be placed on her third year's salary, in consequence of previous acceptable service in Boston schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Mr. Brewer, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, submitted a report from that committee, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Morse, ordered to be printed.

The Chair read the following communications, which were placed on file: —

Communication from Police Commissioners. Reappointment of officer John L. Cook.

BOSTON POLICE COMMISSIONERS,
7 Pemberton Square, Boston, October 26, 1878.

SIR, — I am instructed by the Board of Police Commissioners to state in answer to the order of the School Committee, dated the 22d October, 1878, that in their opinion it would not be consistent with the proper organization of the Police Department to reappoint John L. Cook to be a police officer of the city, the City Physician having certified that Mr. Cook is not physically qualified to perform the duties of a policeman.

I am your obedient servant,
JAS. H. HOWARD, *Clerk.*

To the SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF BOSTON.

Communication from Dr. B. J. Jeffries. Invitation to tests for color-blindness.

November 8, 1878.

To HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, *Chairman School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I would respectfully through you extend an invitation to the members of the School Committee and Supervisors, to witness my testing the scholars of the public schools for color-blindness, which I am now engaged in by permission of the committee.

I remain, respectfully yours,
B. JOY JEFFRIES, M.D.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Communication from Com. on Public Buildings; use of school-houses for polling places.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
November 1, 1878.

GEORGE A. SMITH, Esq., *Secretary School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — The following school-houses will be required for polling places at the next State and Municipal Elections. The Committee on Public Buildings regret the necessity for using school-houses for such purposes; but, in view of the fact that so many voting places were required under the new law, they deemed it their duty, in the interest of economy, to report to the Board in favor of taking school-houses as far as possible, which was adopted.

Porter st.	Baldwin st.	Tyler st.
Lexington st.	Sheafe st.	Brimmer.
Chapman.	Freeman.	Silver st.
Princeton st.	North Bennet st.	Mather, Broadway.
Adams.	North Margin st.	Drake.
Webster st.	Poplar st.	Hawes.

Cross st.	Phillips st.	Fourth st.
Medford st.	Fayette st.	F st., near Seventh.
Moulton st.	Appleton st.	Ticknor.
Mead st.	East st.	Wait.
Genesee st.	Howard ave.	Curtis st.
Franklin.	Winthrop st.	Westerly Hall.
Concord st.	Munroe st.	Green st.
Dwight.	Thornton st.	Florence.
Vernon st.	Day's Chapel.	Old High (Ward 24).
Yeoman st.	Smith st.	Webster place.
George st.	Heath st.	New Bennett.
Eustis st.		

Yours, respectfully,

LUCIUS SLADE, *Chairman Committee.*

On motion of Miss May, it was

Full names of teachers to be reported.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors, and principals of schools, be requested, in reporting names of teachers, to give the first name in full, instead of any diminutive, contraction, or initial letter of the same.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the Secretary was instructed to ascertain the time at which the testing of color-blindness takes place, and notify the members of the Board of the same.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Dudley School for Girls; change of name.

Ordered, That the Dudley School for Girls be hereafter called the "Putnam" School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 26, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor and Mr. Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Nominations, asked leave to withdraw the nomination of Emma S. Beede, as presented to the Board Nov. 12; a subsequent nomination to be presented.

Granted, and the nomination was withdrawn.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the following nominations: —

ON PROBATION.

Brimmer District. — Jennie M. Carney, fourth assistant, and Maude McWilliams, third assistant, fifth year, from Nov. 13, 1878, and Nov. 20, 1878, respectively.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Cornelia P. Nason, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Margaret MacGregor, third assistant, fifth year, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Mather District. — Mary C. Turner, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1878.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Towle, fourth assistant, from Nov. 15, 1878.

Wells District. — Emma S. Beede, first assistant, from Oct. 21, 1878.

Accepted.

Salary of Bertha W. Hintz.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — October 22 — an order that Bertha W. Hintz, special teacher in the Normal School, be allowed the salary of second assistant, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Isabelle F. Crapo.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order that Isabelle F. Crapo, third assistant in the Lawrence District, be placed upon the third year's service of that grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Alla F. Young.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 12 — an order that Alla F. Young, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, be credited with two years' service, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Alla F. Young, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, be placed upon her third year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 16, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Channing Folsom.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 12 — an order concerning the salary of Channing Folsom, sub-master in the Eliot District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Channing Folsom, sub-master in the Eliot District, be placed upon his fourth year's service in that grade, to date from Nov. 16, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Harriet L. Todd.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 25 — an order that Harriet L. Todd be paid

for services as temporary teacher in the Harvard District from Jan. 20 to Feb. 16, 1878, reported that the following order ought to pass :—

Ordered, That Harriet L. Todd be paid the sum of thirty dollars for services as temporary teacher in the Harvard District from Jan. 20 to Feb. 16, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Adeline F. Cutter.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order relating to the salary of Adeline F. Cutter, second assistant in the Phillips District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Adeline F. Cutter, second assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon her sixth year's service as second assistant, to date from Sept. 1, 1878, she having served that length of time in that grade.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Alice G. Meins.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 12 — an order that Alice G. Meins, fourth assistant in the Norcross District, be placed on her third year's salary, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That in consideration of previous acceptable service, Alice G. Meins, fourth assistant in the Norcross District, be placed upon the second year's service in that grade, to date from October 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Adelaide E. Somes.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, reported an amendment to the report of October 8, on the referred order concerning the salary of Adelaide E. Somes, third assistant in the Charlestown High School, to the effect that she be placed upon the sixth year's service of the grade to which she was transferred, to take effect September 1, 1878.

Accepted, and the amendment passed.

Amendment to Rules and Regulations, Sect. 70.

On motion of Mr. William T. Adams, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, the order for the amendment of Section 70 of the Rules (see page 190, Minutes) took its second reading, and was passed.

Report of Com. on Sewing.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the report of the Committee on Sewing was taken from the table and accepted.

Evening Schools; nomination of teachers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following-named candidates to serve on probation in the designated Evening Schools: —

Lincoln School-house. — Dora Morrison, assistant, from October 7, 1878.

Montgomery Hall. — Mary F. Savage, assistant, from October 7, 1878.

Brighton. — Frances V. Keyes, principal, and Eliza M. Warren, assistant, from November 25, 1878.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Truant Officers; food for juvenile offenders.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, who were instructed — September 24 — to consider the expediency of providing food and transportation for juvenile offenders while under arrest, etc. (see page 163, Minutes), reported, that, after careful investigation, they deem no action necessary, the Committee on Supplies having sufficient authority to approve an expenditure made for such purposes.

Accepted.

Annual Report of Com. on Truant Officers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, in accordance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations, submitted the following report of the work of the truant force during the past year: —

The whole number of cases investigated, 18,117; found to be truants, 3,435; put into school, 478; complained of as habitual truants, 124; as absentees, 66; as neglected children, 64; for other offences, 6. Of these cases the number put on probation was 61; sentenced to the House of Reformation, 147; Almshouse School, 52.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School Houses, Primary School-house at City Point.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order for the purchase of a lot of land at City Point, and the erection of a Primary School-house on the same, report that the committee have considered the same, and find that there are, at the present time, two vacant rooms in the Gaston Grammar School-building which can be used without inconvenience to either the Grammar School or Primary scholars; therefore, they report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School Houses, land for Primary School-house in Dorchester-Everett District.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 28 — an order for the purchase of additional land for the Primary School in the Dorchester-Everett District, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Truant Officers, offered the following: —

Amendments to General Statutes.

Ordered, That the President of this Board petition the Legislature of Massachusetts at the coming session for the following amendments to the General Statute, viz.: —

1st. To Chapter 40, Section 3, providing a penalty for the withholding or falsifying the information sought by agents of the School Committee, as required by said section.

2d. To Chapter 52, Section 2, providing the attendance at Evening Schools be accepted as substitute for attendance at day schools, as required by said section.

Passed.

Nomination of Rebecca Morrison, Horace Mann School.

Mr. Brewer, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, reported the nomination of Rebecca Morrison as assistant, on probation in the Horace Mann School, from Dec. 9, 1878.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Supplies, telegraphic communication between the schools and Mason st.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Supplies, who were requested to consider the expediency of establishing telegraphic communication between the School Committee Rooms in Mason street and the various Grammar School Districts, reported that they have thoroughly considered the subject and have received proposals for constructing the lines on the most practicable plan, so as to divide the schools into seven groups, each connecting with the rooms at Mason street. The expense of constructing the same is estimated at $4,000, more or less, with an additional annual rental of $1,200. While the committee believe that such connection might be advantageous both to the schools and the Committee Rooms, they do not consider that the probable benefit to be derived warrants the expenditure of so large a sum; they therefore report that the establishment of such communication is at present inexpedient.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Rice Training School, it was

Leave of absence to Ella F. and Emma L. Wyman.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Ella F. and Emma L. Wyman, fourth assistants in the Rice District.

Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, offering the following: —

Salary of Florence Marshall.

Ordered, That, in consideration of long and excellent service in various grades in the Rice School, Florence Marshall be granted the maximum salary of her present grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Enlargement of yard of Prescott School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the yard of the Prescott School-house, by taking in

a strip of land adjoining, on the north-east side, about ten feet in width, now owned and not used by the city.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the resignation of Mary S. Gage, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, to take effect Nov. 22, 1878. Resignation of Mary S. Gage.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following communication: —

"99 BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON.
"Nov. 21, 1878. Com. from James Notman.

"GEO. A. SMITH, ESQ.: —

"DEAR SIR, — If agreeable to the members of the School Committee, I should like to be favored with sittings from them, for the purpose of getting up a composition group of the committee, a copy of which, on completion, I should frame and place in the rooms of the School Committee on Mason street.

"Yours truly,
"JAMES NOTMAN."

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Ordered, That the sessions of the Public Schools close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Public Schools. Vacation, Wednesday, P.M., Nov. 27.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That "Early England" and "England as a Continental Power" be authorized for supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, in place of Dickens's "Child's History of England." Supplementary reading in Grammar Schools: — "Early England" and "England as a Continental Power."

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 10, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except his Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. W. P. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Cutter, Flint, Hayes, and Moran.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed,

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Gaston District. — Carrie A. Harlow, third assistant, from Nov. 13, 1878.

Quincy District. — Alfred Bunker, sub-master, from Sept. 2 to Oct. 21, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Andrew District. — Alice P. Howard, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Rebecca Morrison, fourth assistant in the Comins District, to take effect Dec. 9, 1878. Resignation of Rebecca Morrison.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Helen M. Kimball.

Ordered, That Helen M. Kimball, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon her fifth year of service in that grade, to date from Sept. 2, 1878.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, offered the following: —

Messenger Service of School Department.

Whereas, by the action of the Board of Police Commissioners, the messenger service of the School Department cannot be performed by the police, and whereas, under the present regulations no adequate system is in operation for that purpose, therefore: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of amending Section 2 of the Rules, and Chapter VIII. of the Regulations of the School Committee.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ward-room in Mason-street building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place the ward-room in Mason-street building at the service of the School Department, for store-room purposes, and as an office for the truant force.

Passed.

Nomination of Evening School teachers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following-named candidates to serve as assistants in the designated Evening Schools: —

Brighton. — Mattie K. Borden, from Nov. 25, 1878.

Blossom Street. — Douglas Streeter, from Nov. 25, 1878.

Charlestown. — Lucy M. Bosworth, from Nov. 13, 1878.

Old Franklin School-house. — Emma E. Chase, from Oct. 7, 1878.

Accepted.

Miss May, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Charles O. Whitman be placed upon his fourth year's service as junior master in the English High School, to date from Sept. 23, 1878.

Salary of Chas. O. Whitman.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss May, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Augusta R. Curtis, fourth assistant in the Latin School for Girls, receive the salary to which she would have been entitled if she had remained in the Girls' High School.

Salary of Augusta R. Curtis.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Porter offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent be directed to prepare certificates required by Chapter 52, Acts of 1876, and Chapter 257, Acts of 1878, relating to the employment of children under the laws of the State of Massachusetts.

Certificates relating to employment of children.

Passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the name of Lydia G. Wentworth as a substitute for longer than three months in the Dearborn District.

Lydia G. Wentworth, substitute.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the leave of absence granted to Carrie M. Brackett, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be extended.

Leave of absence to Carrie M. Brackett.

On motion of Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for longer than three months be granted to Eliza M. Evert, third assistant in the Bowditch District.

Leave of absence to Eliza M. Evert.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

No afternoon session of public schools, Dec. 24.

Ordered, That there be no session of the public schools on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the order was amended by inserting the word "afternoon" after the word "Tuesday."

Passed as amended.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Maria H. Lathrop.

Ordered, That, in consideration of previous service, Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the fourth year of service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Distribution of written or printed matter in schools.

Ordered, That the Principals of the High and Grammar Schools be notified not to receive and distribute to their pupils any written or printed matter not required by the rules of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the order was amended to read as follows: —

Ordered, That the attention of Principals of High and Grammar Schools be called to Sections 192, 193, and 194 of the Regulations.

Passed as amended.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the Board adjourned at five minutes of eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 24, 1878.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Hayes, Williamson, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a communication from Alfred A. Marcus, manager of the Orthodox Jewish Fair now held in the Mechanics' Building, which, on motion of Mr. Morse, was placed on file. Communication from manager of Jewish Fair.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Central District. — Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistant, from Dec. 8, 1878.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant, from Sept. 2, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Sarah E. Stumpf, third assistant, from Dec. 16, 1878.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant, from Dec. 2, 1878.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Charlestown High. — Annie M. Wilde, fourth assistant, from Dec. 2, 1878.

Andrew District. — Hattie A. Watson, first assistant, from Jan. 1, 1879.

Bowdoin District. — Ella L. Macomber, third assistant, from Dec. 15, 1878.

Chapman District. — Margaret B. Erskine, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1878.

Lowell District. — Flora C. Atwood, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1878.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Latin. — Byron Groce and Louis H. Parkhurst, junior masters, third year.

Girls' High. — Sarah L. Miner, fourth assistant.

Charlestown High. — Alla F. Young, fourth assistant.

Brighton High. — Marion A. Hawes, fourth assistant.

Allston District. — Jeannie Hosie, third assistant.

Bigelow District. — Claudine E. Cherrington, third assistant.

Everett District. — Evelyn E. Morse, third assistant.

Franklin District. — Caroline G. White, fourth assistant.

Gaston District. — Lelia R. Haydn and Josephine A. Powers, fourth assistants; Clara A. Sharp, third assistant.

Lawrence District. — Isabelle F. Crapo and Margaret MacGregor, third assistants.

Mt. Vernon District. — Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant.

Norcross District. — Alice G. Meins, fourth assistant.

Rice District. — Charles F. Kimball, sub-master; Myron T. Pritchard, second sub-master; Uleyetta Williams, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Harriet M. Burroughs, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Emeline E. Durgin, second assistant.

Winthrop District. — Minnie L Hobart, third assistant.

Accepted.

Resignation of Judith P. Meader.

Mr. Adams, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Judith P. Meader, third assistant in the Chapman District, to take effect Dec. 1, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Adams, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Change of rank of Albert F. Ring.

Ordered, That the rank of Albert F. Ring, sub-master, principal of the Hillside District, be changed to that of master, the Grammar School having the required number of pupils; the change to take effect Jan. 1, 1879.

Passed.

Evening-School teachers appointed.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following-named candidates to serve in the designated Evening Schools: —

Cabot Street. — Edward W. Shannon, assistant, from Nov. 21, 1878.

Dorchester. — George Oak, principal, from Nov. 20, 1878, in place of Alfred Bunker, resigned at that date.

Brighton. — Sylvia A. Richards, assistant from Dec. 6, 1878.

Accepted.

Reports of Committee on Salaries; salary of Florence Marshall.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 26 — an order that Florence Marshall be granted the maximum salary of second assistant in the Rice District, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Maria H. Lathrop.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order that, in consideration of previous service, Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in that grade, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Charles O. Whitman.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order that Charles O. Whitman be placed upon his fourth year's service as junior master in the English High School, to date from Sept. 23, 1878, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Helen M. Kimball.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order that Helen M. Kimball, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the fifth year of her service in that grade, to date from Sept. 2, 1878, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Augusta R. Curtis.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order concerning the salary of Augusta R. Curtis, fourth assistant in the Girls' Latin School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That no reduction in the salary of Augusta R. Curtis be made on account of her transfer from the Girls' High School, to the Girls' Latin School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Morse, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Compensation to Alfred Bunker.

Ordered, That the sum of sixty-nine dollars be paid to Alfred Bunker, for services as principal of the Dorchester Evening School from Oct. 21 to Nov. 20, 1878.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Death of Annie B. Lord.

Mr. Flint, chairman of the Committee on High Schools, reported the death of Annie B. Lord, third assistant in the West Roxbury High School.

Amendments to the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order requesting the committee to consider the expediency of amending Sect. 2 of the Rules and Chap. VIII. of the

Regulations, relating to the messenger service of the Board, reported at length on the subject, recommending that no change be made in Section 2, and asking that the rule embodied in Section 41, requiring that amendments of the Rules and Regulations be read at two different meetings, be suspended to admit of two readings of the following orders, at the present meeting: — Messenger service.

Ordered, That Chapter VIII. of the Regulations be amended by the substitution, in place of the entire chapter of the following: —

"Section 91. It shall be the duty of the Messenger to be present at all the meetings of the Board, and to render such service to the officers and members as may be required. The salary of the Messenger shall be fixed by the Board, upon the report of the Committee on Salaries."

Ordered, That Section 45 of Chapter IV., defining the duties of the Committee on Supplies, be amended by the addition, after the tenth line on page 14, of the following: —

"They shall employ and fix the compensation of as many messengers as may be necessary for the prompt delivery of all notices, circulars, reports, small packages, and other matter required to be transmitted by the School Committee and its officers.

The report was accepted, and the orders passed under a suspension of the Rules.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the ventilation of the Sherwin Grammar School, by introducing metallic conductors to connect each room with the cupola, or otherwise. Ventilation in Sherwin School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Substitutes.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the following names of substitutes for longer than one month: —

Brimmer District. — Sarah E. Adams and L. Maria Stetson.

Quincy District. — Mary Murphy.

Bowditch District. — Sophronia N. Herrick.

Winthrop District. — Hattie J. Bowker.

Accepted.

Roslindale Evening Drawing School; teachers appointed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, reported the nomination of Charles L. Adams as head-assistant, and Walter L. Dean, assistant, in the Roslindale Evening Drawing School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was

Annual School Report, copies ordered.

Ordered, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Annual School Report for 1878, with accompanying documents, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Annual School Report for 1878 [Doc. 25] be printed.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Ellen Robbins.

Ordered, That leave of absence from Nov. 10, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Ellen Robbins, third assistant in the Adams District.

Substitutes.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the names of Nellie B. Tucker, Emma M. Weston, and Joel C. Bolan, as substitutes for longer than one month in the Adams District.

Accepted.

Mr. Morse offered the following: —

Petition to Legislature.

Ordered, That the President of this Board be requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of an act ap-

pointing the School Committee of the City of Boston Trustees of the Gibson School Fund, and of such other trust funds as are established for the benefit of either or all of the schools of this city, or for any portion of the pupils thereof, with authority to receive from the present trustees, or from the City Treasurer, all property belonging to said trust funds, and to manage said funds and disburse the income thereof in accordance with the several indentures creating said trusts.

School Committee to be Trustees of School Funds.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the order was amended by inserting the word "public" before the word "schools."

Passed as amended.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Adeline M. Steele, having served as second assistant in the Eliot School for ten years, from September, 1866, to September, 1877, and having been reappointed to the same position in September, 1877, be placed upon her sixth year of service in that grade.

Salary of Adeline M. Steele.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to grant for the use of Charity Kindergartens, such vacant rooms as may not be required by the public schools, the same to be without expense to the city, excepting the heating and care of the rooms.

Charity Kindergartens.

Passed.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3, 1879.

Sessions of public schools suspended.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 11.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business be referred to the next School Board.

Unfinished business.

Mr. Morse offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Hon. Henry L. Pierce.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to his Honor Henry L. Pierce, for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has performed the duties of President, and for the interest he has shown during his official connection with the Board, in all questions pertaining to the welfare of the public schools.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President responded, thanking the members for their kind coöperation during the year.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Wm. H. Finney.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Mr. William H. Finney for the able, impartial, and thoroughly business-like manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the School Committee in the absence of his Honor the Mayor during the past four months.

Passed unanimously.

The Vice-President courteously responded.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

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